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GSAs not needed: Catholic memo

School standoff.
Document shows trustees are against any gay-straight alliance legislation



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Provincial Catholic school trustee representatives believe any form of legislation to support gay-straight alliances would intrude on their rights and is unnecessary, according to the contents of a leaked internal memo.

The document, which Metro confirmed with multiple sources, was drafted by the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (ACSTA).

The memo was deemed "very disheartening" by one LGBTQ advocate in an interview Thursday, especially after what he described as years of attempts to work with separate school officials.

"What this document really does is draw a line in the sand," said Kris Wells, codirector of the Institute for Sexual

Minority Studies and Services at the University of Alberta. "It shows that the Catholic school trustees are not prepared to move. So, the ball is squarely in the government's court."

The memo outlines a series of historical developments and position statements that use the provincial Education Act as evidence. "The Alberta Act clearly delineates responsibilities of the various levels of government," reads one portion. "Intruding on these rights is a slippery slope and diminishes the roles and responsibilities of trustees."

The memo goes on to state the act contains the "strongest anti-bullying language in Canada," and that "no additional legislation is necessary."

Debate of gay-straight alliances dominated the tail-end of Alberta's fall legislative session after the Alberta Liberals introduced Bill 202, which required schools to support students wishing to create the peer support groups.

The ruling Progressive Conservatives then upended that offering with Bill 10, one that would mandate support for a GSA but not necessarily on school property.



KEEPING NATHAN'S SPIRIT ALIVE

Nathan O'Brien's father Rod and brother Luke look skyward during a tribute to their lost loved one at the Scotiabank Saddledome Thursday, ahead of a charity hockey game against NHL alumni. The game, attended by thousands, was held to honour the memory — and the generosity — of the young boy who disappeared last summer and police say was murdered. For the story, see page 12. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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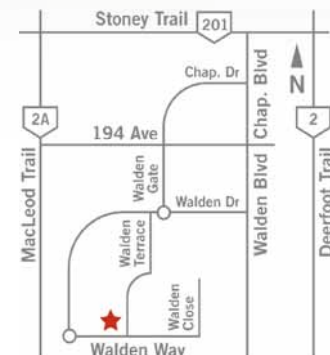
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Photo exhibit highlights Iran's 'burnt generation'

Culture. Calgary plays host to the first North American display of the work of eight Iranian artists

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"Close your eyes and think of Iran," said Fariba Farshad, sitting at the University of Calgary's Founders' Gallery.

"The first thing most people see is women in black chador and a morose face, but that is not what you see here."

Farshad came to Calgary on Thursday morning for the launch of the first North American showing of her exhibit, The Burnt Generation.

Growing up in the fire of war and political unrest, the generation born in Iran amid the 1979 Iranian revolution and the 1980-to-1988 Iran-Iraq war has come to be called just that: The "burnt generation."

Farshad was born in Iran, and lived there for four years after the revolution. After moving to the U.K., she encountered perceptions of her home she didn't understand — so she challenged them.

Founders' Gallery curator Lindsey Charman first heard of the exhibition in London and sought it out to bring to Calgary.

"What struck me most was the time span of the Iran-Iraq war," Charman said. "It's the longest war of the 20th Century, but we don't know a



London-based curator Fariba Farshad visited the first North American display of her Burnt Generation exhibit. The gallery features the work of eight Iranian artists and will run until April 12. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

lot about it within Canada. It was an eight-year time span of war for this generation of artists, and they're all around my age."

Each photographer depicts a different perspective of life in Iran, through still-life photography, documentary images and portraits.

"It is very much looking at the isolation and desolation of young people in Iran," she said. "Especially the middle

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London-based curator Fariba Farshad, on her exhibit, Burnt Generation

class, they all look like us and live internally like us, but in the photos you see there's no hope, there's no future. It's all blocked."

Farshad collected work

from eight photographers born during the political upheaval, and curated this exhibition.

"It was a nightmare — to begin with, everyone had so

much hope," she said of her last four years in Iran. "But this is the generation that actually grew and lived through Iran's revolution, so (this exhibition) is very unusual, and challenging in a way."

The collection marks the beginning of Exposure, Alberta's photography festival. A reception for the exhibit opened to the public on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Military Museums of Calgary.

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Calgary accounts for more than half of Alberta's homeless

Calgary remains the "epi-centre of homelessness" in Alberta, according to a final report released Thursday based on a point-in-time

count of homeless people conducted in October.

A total of 3,555 individuals were counted as homeless in Calgary, accounting for 53 per cent of the total homeless people counted across the province.

Seven communities participated in the province-wide count: Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Grand Prairie,

Wood Buffalo, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. Calgary's count was up slightly from the 3,531 enumerated in a preliminary report.

The change was "due to a discrepancy in responses from individuals counted on the street versus actually staying in shelter" on Oct. 16, according to a release.

Overall, Calgary's count

represented no additional growth in homelessness, which has "largely stabilized" since the similar counts conducted in 2012.

About half of the people counted in 2014 were staying in emergency shelters, while 36 per cent were staying in short-term, supportive housing. Just five per cent were "rough sleeping"

on the streets or elsewhere outdoors.

Diana Krecsy, president and chief executive of the Calgary Homeless Foundation, said the goal of the organization's 10-year plan to end homelessness — now seven years in — remains within reach.

"We believe in collaboration and working co-opera-

tively across the homeless-serving sector, both here in Calgary and the province," she said in a statement. "No one person, community, agency or even government can end homelessness alone. We must share information, collaborate on best practices and policies, and celebrate successes."

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Alberta Health tightens belt ahead of provincial budget



Vickie Kaminski, AHS president and CEO, speaks to reporters about austerity measures coming into place because of the tight provincial budget. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO IN EDMONTON

Cutbacks. Health body to reduce travel, curb hiring, freeze salaries



Alberta's health-care authority announced "aggressive" new cost-cutting measures Thursday in an attempt to reduce spending before the province drops its latest budget.

Thanks to a dramatic drop in oil prices, Alberta Health Services CEO Vickie Kaminski said the department was directed by the Ministry of Health to cut expenses.

By rolling back spending on severance pay, sick days, cellphone bills and travel for AHS employees, Kaminski said the organization is hoping to put a dent in the "largest piece of the province's spending pie."

"We haven't quantified it. We are looking to maximize our savings," she said, noting savings should be known by March.

Along with curbing the hiring of new staff and con-

Details

- AHS will curb hiring new staff and consultants in favour of consolidating positions without affecting direct patient care and frontline positions.

- The department has also put the brakes on travel for staff, limiting the expenditures to cases where travelling is required. AHS will be launching a new travel program next week to better track and report costs associated with travelling.

- Contract negotiations were also affected by the cost containments, with AHS retracting an initial one per cent salary increase for the next three years and tabling a zero per cent pay increase.

sultants, AHS has trimmed the number of VPs from 80 to 11, removing an additional 13 senior-leader classification positions and cutting another three.

The organization is also hoping to cut back on severance costs by implementing stronger performance management policies. From 2011 to 2014, AHS paid \$28 million in severance. It's paid \$3.5 million in the current fiscal year.

Kaminski said the severance spending was the "most disconcerting" of all expenses and there are big opportunities to save money.

Cellphone costs are another expense AHS is planning on cutting back. Over an 18-month period, AHS paid \$825,000 in bills, prompting it to launch a new policy to limit roaming charges.

Sick leave will also be under review. Annually, it costs AHS \$190 million to cover sick-leave costs. Managers have been prompted to review staff absentees in an effort to limit that cost.

NDP health critic David Eggen said the AHS cutbacks might not be enough to save the province from expected budget cuts.

"We already know our front-line workers, delivery of services is stretched very far," he said. "I'm very concerned about the next layer that will be cut."

Province pushing Grade 6 tests through 2016

When it comes to provincial tests, it appears even school administrators can't come up with the right answer.

Alberta Education did advise Thursday that Alberta school boards will be required to press ahead with controversial Grade 6 provincial achievement tests (PATs) this year.

Originally, the plan was to have those students turn to online Student Learning

Assessments in the fall, but a trial of the same tests at the Grade 3 level this past fall was marred by computer glitches and teacher frustration.

Even still, it was believed school boards would have the option of whether to proceed with the Grade 6 versions of the PATs.

A letter from Calgary Board of Education senior officials to principals Wednes-

day — one that was obtained by Metro — said that the PATs would not be written.

"We believe this decision is right for students and their learning.... It de-emphasizes their performance on a single test," read the letter.

But a note on the CBE's website Thursday afternoon said the organization was advised by the province that the tests would move ahead not only in 2015, but again

in 2016.

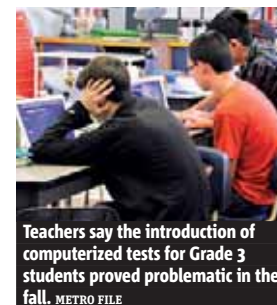
The move likely signalled a longer trial of the SLAs for Grade 3 students. The tests are also to be introduced at the Grade 9 level at some point.

In a statement, Alberta Education spokeswoman Tamara Magnan said the ministry remains "committed to fully implementing new SLAs in the early grades, but removing or suspending the

current achievement tests in the absence of a reasonable alternative would remove an important method of public assurance that the education system is performing well."

Notes from both the Calgary Catholic School District posted online and another provided by the Edmonton Catholic School District indicated they too had been told to continue with PATs.

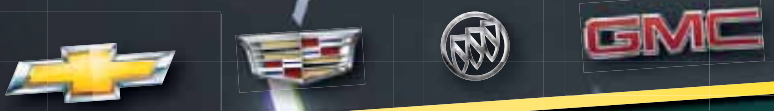
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Teachers say the introduction of computerized tests for Grade 3 students proved problematic in the fall. METRO FILE

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Progress on Redford-era schools slowing right down

Construction. Province, CBE 'confident' facilities will be ready come fall



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Despite surging student enrolment in a host of Alberta communities, a slate of schools pledged by former premier Alison Redford has progressed slower than those green-lighted by her predecessor.

Even if the tight construction timeline to have a number of the 50 schools pledged by Redford open by September 2016 is met — and that's a big if, according to critics — the ribbon cuttings would come roughly 53 months after the facilities were announced in May 2013.

A smaller offering of schools (12 in total) approved by former premier Ed Stelmach were mostly open in a little over 39 months after they were first announced in May 2011, according to information provided by the province.

Now, the government faces criticism from opposition critics after it took more than three weeks to sign off on construction companies chosen by the Calgary Board of Education for five projects. The school board will oversee construction.

The board said it submitted its recommendations for construction on three elementary schools and two middle schools Jan. 6. The board received the go-ahead from the province Jan.

29 on the elementary schools but still has yet to hear back on the middle-school facilities.

Kent Hehr, Alberta Liberal education critic, questioned why the province and school board continues "blowing smoke" while future school sites remain idle.

"Let's face it, if it's taking them this long just to approve the builders, well, don't hold your breath on getting your schools up anytime soon," he said.

The board had hoped to begin construction of all schools in January. Organization trustee chair Joy Bowen-Eyre said she spoke with provincial Infrastructure Minister Manmeet Bhullar on Friday and came away "confident" the September 2016 target could still be met.

Bowen-Eyre wouldn't say whether she expected approval of her organization's construction recommendations sooner but conceded even slight delays could throw a wrench into plans.

"Every day that we're behind causes us more concern going forward, absolutely," she said.

The province, meanwhile, said if the board's documentation was in order it would receive approval to begin building its two middle schools by week's end.

"We are required to exercise due diligence when spending tax dollars," the province said in an emailed response to questions. "If we can speed up the approval process, we will."

The statement also said "funding is in place" for the



Construction crews are seen at the site of a planned northeast Calgary high school in October. To date, no other schools pledged for Calgary by former premier Alison Redford in May 2013 have begun construction. METRO FILE

Redford schools.

"There's a lot of work that goes on before construction begins," the statement read. "Getting shovels in the ground is just one step in the process."

Just one of the Calgary schools pledged by Redford has begun construction, a high school in the city's northeast.

In a conference call with reporters Monday, Premier Jim Prentice said he wasn't aware

Phase 2 schools were postponed.

"We continue to be focused on getting them constructed... We're also carefully monitoring the construction industry to determine how we get the maximum amount constructed for the money we spend and we are monitoring that very closely," Prentice said. "There is some sense that construction prices are declining in response to the circumstances that we're

Phase 2

All but three of the Redford-era schools, dubbed Phase 2 facilities, are planned to open in September 2016 — a high school in Red Deer and

an elementary in West Lethbridge aren't to open until September 2017 while a Catholic high school in Calgary is in the works for the following year.

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Crime

Police asking for help identifying two men involved in sexual assault

The Calgary Police Service is seeking the public's help in identifying two men who were involved in a sexual assault in June 2014.

Police say sometime between 9 p.m. on June

23, and 9 a.m. June 24, the men are believed to have sexually assaulted a 17-year-old girl who was known to them at a park in Beddington.

The first suspect is described by police as a black man in his late 20s or early 30s with short, curly hair and may be known as "Alex" or "Cesar."

The other suspect is described as a black, light-skinned male roughly 24

years old with a slim build. Police say he had shoulder-length hair pulled back into a ponytail and was described as "scruffy." They also note the suspect may have a scar on his nose and could be known as "D" or "D-pimping."

At the time of the attack, the first suspect was wearing blue jeans and Dolce & Gabbana glasses. The second was wearing blue shoes, blue jeans and

a white T-shirt.

Police say there may have been witnesses to the assault and are asking anyone with information about the attack to call police at 1-403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477.

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Runners chug up a hill in the 2014 Scotiabank Calgary Marathon. METRO FILE

Drug testing is coming to marathon

Sports. Officials say the growth of the race and prize money factors in the decision



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Runners in Calgary's premier footrace could be subject to drug testing for the first time in the event's 50-year history, say organizers.

The change in policy and practice comes after the women's first place finisher of the 2014 Scotiabank Calgary Marathon, Emily Chepkorir, tested positive for anabolic steroids and was stripped of her title.

Kirsten-Ellen Fleming of the Calgary Marathon Society said the changing results and growth of the race were factors in the decision.

"Unfortunately, doping takes place across all sports at all levels, so it's unfortunate that it's touched our race," she said. "Testing for drugs is pretty normal now at a lot of big-city races, and we're now offering the type of prize purse that is attracting a lot of athletes from a lot of different countries."

"It's just the next step in

our evolution as becoming a major draw for participants at all levels."

Testing is a host requirement of the National 21.1K Road Race Championships, which is scheduled in conjunction with the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon next year, but Fleming noted officials will be alerted to any athlete suspected of using banned substances.

Michael Stasica, a runner for 12-years and a well-known member of the Calgary running community, said he was disheartened by news performance-enhancing drugs had made their way to the marathon, but was not surprised.

"It really is disappointing," he said. "At an amateur level, a professional level, at any level."

However, he said for most runners the introduction will have little impact, as many participants run for themselves and bragging rights, rather than prizes.

"The vast majority of people that are running are running for their own personal satisfaction," he said. "It's nothing else."

Maria Zambrano of Calgary has now been named the first-place finisher of the women's marathon, Nadine Mueller of Canmore has placed second and Andrea Glover of Nanton has been declared the bronze medalist.

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Province turns to online survey for budget input

Got an idea to help close the \$7-billion hole in the provincial budget? The Alberta government wants to hear it.

Finance Minister Robin Campbell announced a new online survey Thursday that asks Albertans where they think the province should cut or what taxes it should hike.

Campbell said the dramatic drop in oil prices has to be managed.

"We're facing a 15 per cent loss in our revenues and

that is equal to our entire education budget," he said.

The survey asks about a possible sales tax, which the province estimates would bring in \$1 billion per percentage point.

Campbell said even though the government doesn't support the idea he wants to hear what Albertans have to say.

"I serve the people of the province I need to know what they're thinking."

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President says no to reopening contracts, rollbacks

The president of the Alberta Teachers' Association says it will not reopen its contract with the province, nor will teachers accept rollbacks.

Mark Ramsankar made the comments to delegates at the North Central Teachers Conference in Edmonton

on Thursday morning. Ramsankar was responding to comments from Alberta Premier Jim Prentice that the government will be looking to the public sector for help in shouldering a \$7 billion dollar deficit. He says teachers expect the PC government to honour the contract it legislated — a four-year deal with zero wage increase for three years, a two per cent increase this year and a one per cent lump-sum payment this year.

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AREN'T WE PAST SCANTILY-CLAD GIRLS DANCING AT SPORTING EVENTS?

Lacrosse. Roughnecks Drill Crew dance team features very young-looking girls



IN DEFENCE OF
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A few weeks ago, a group of friends and I were cheering on the Roughnecks. I know, I might not strike you as a lacrosse fan, but in terms of sports entertainment, there's probably no better show in Calgary, especially when you consider how cheap you can get tickets.

On top of four quarters of action-packed lacrosse, the game itself also features a handful of performances from the Drill Crew, the Roughnecks award-winning dance team. During this particular game, as the Drill Crew began dancing, a silence fell over our normally-boisterous group as one of

my guy friends (who likes girls) quietly said: "Aren't we past this?"

The "this" he is referring to is having scantily-clad girls dance for our entertainment.

And it's not just about the dancing, which I totally believe is in itself a sport. But The Roughnecks Drill Crew features very young-looking girls, wearing outfits that leave nothing to the imagination, unless you have the worst imagination ever.

To be on the team, you have to be at least 18 years old, which means that some of the girls that are being featured still have to finish their high school exams. And while there are certainly some guys that would be entertained by that, I'm just not sure it's the kind of dancing we want our young boys and girls watching at a family-friendly event.

I can already tell what you're thinking, and yes, I know I sound like the pastor in Footloose. But in recent years, it just seems like we've moved past the idea

that while the big tough men take a break from playing sports, we need young pretty girls to entertain us.

The night we went to the game was also superhero night. It was a theme that was clearly targeted towards children. Throughout the stadium, there were hundreds of kids dressed up like their favourite superhero. I took note of the girls, who were dressed up like comic book superheroes, like Superman and the Hulk, normally portrayed by men.

I love that kids don't care about gender, until they're told to. So when the Drill Crew came out and started dancing in outfits that would probably get them fired at Cowboys, my heart immediately sank. I wanted to cover the kids' eyes and tell them that just because they're girls, it doesn't mean they have to be dancing for "the man's" entertainment.

I also know that the Drill Crew are more than just dancers. The girls attend various promotional and charity events around Cal-

gary and this past year, their calendar sales helped raise more than \$3,000 for Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids. Of course the calendar features photos normally seen in the pages of magazine like Maxim, but a charity donation is a charity donation, I guess.

I reached out to the Roughnecks to talk about the Drill Crew, but they declined to comment.

But given the chance to talk to the Drill Crew, I would tell them that they have a great opportunity to really set an example for their young fans.

To answer my friend's question, yes, we are past women having to dress and dance a certain way for our entertainment. Maybe the Drill Crew can become something like a cheerleading squad, featuring both guys and girls performing, not dances, but routines that really highlight their strength and stamina, not just their bodies.

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Legislature

Politician Yvonne Fritz to call it quits

A longtime Tory member of the legislature has announced she is retiring. Yvonne Fritz announced Wednesday the end of her 27-year political career. She served as member of the legislature for Calgary

Cross for the last couple of decades. Before that, Fritz was a Calgary alderman from 1988 until 1993. Fritz worked as a registered nurse at Calgary General Hospital for more than 20 years before pursuing a career in politics. She said she wanted to thank her constituents for placing their trust in her.

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MLA Yvonne Fritz THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime

Police lay drugs, weapons charges after raid

A 32-year-old Calgary man is facing drugs and weapons charges after police searched a northwest residence and found a variety of illicit substances.

According to a release from Calgary police, on Jan. 29, officers seized various amounts of marijuana, cocaine, Oxycodone, MDMA and cannabis resin from a home in the 4700 block of 17 Avenue NW after an investigation into a drug-trafficking network that started in Nov. 2013. Police also found a semi-automatic pistol, ammunition, pepper spray and a

machete during the search. As a result, police have charged Melville Lloyd Kingston, 32, with a total of 10 offences, including possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm, tampering with a serial number and four counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking. He was taken into custody and was set to appear in court on Friday. METRO

Councillor offers wiggle room on Catholic high school site

Education. Keating says city and developer could still reach agreement



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Elected officials hope they can cut through red tape in a bid to keep a southeast Calgary high school on its original plot of land, but the clock is ticking. Metro first reported last month that the Calgary Catholic School District had made a sudden decision to shift long-standing plans for a 1,500-student high school from the community of Seton across the Bow River to Legacy. Many parents have since cried foul, claiming they bought homes in communities adjacent to Seton like Auburn Bay and Mahogany. The school district, meanwhile, has said there were issues with the site and the move was necessary to ensure the high school opens on time in 2017. But that would still leave Ward 12, home to more than 90,000 residents, without a high school.

Coun. Shane Keating said his understanding is that the issue comes down to land. Brookfield Residential, the developer behind Seton, was willing to put in \$13.5 million for infrastructure leading to the school — roads, piping, lighting — but the land exists past the Seton area structure plan, meaning they can't build houses there. But Keating believes there may be some wiggle room and Brookfield could be awarded a relaxation — that is, if the school district agrees to shift plans back to Seton. "Brookfield needs to get something out of this, too ... What I would like to say is we'll do everything in our power to make sure that they would be able to open in (20)17 in Seton if that was their choice," Keating said. Brookfield didn't grant an interview Thursday, but said in a statement, "We are committed to the new community South Seton School project ... we are working diligently with partners to pursue every avenue possible to get approvals in place and bring a Catholic High School to this important southeast district." School district spokeswoman Tania Younker said the



This map shows the original site for a new high school in Seton, and the site where it will now be moved. COURTESY CALGARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

organization was proceeding with the Legacy site "based on the current information we have." Some parents, and area MLA Rick Fraser, have also expressed concerns that kids living near the original site may not be guaranteed a spot at the Legacy school and could be bused as far north as Forest

Lawn. Younker said boundaries wouldn't be set until a year before opening. "We need to be able to adapt and change based on what the enrolments are and the demographics of the community at that time, not what they are today," she said. Fraser, meanwhile, will meet with some parents Friday

to discuss potential solutions. He said the province has put a needed area interchange at 212 Avenue, one thought to be crucial to handle traffic flow, back on the 10-year capital plan. He said it might be worth keeping the school in Seton even if there's a "slight delay" in opening. "I think for some people in

Calgary-Southeast ... they just feel like we've been shorted on some of that community infrastructure," he said. "It's not just a school or a rec centre, it's a better quality of life." An online petition urging the school site be moved back to Seton has more than 950 supporters.

Zoo searched after 'animal welfare concerns' report



Two of the many snakes at Drumheller's Reptile World. FACEBOOK.COM

Alberta SPCA officials were on scene at a Drumheller-area reptile zoo that was already facing potential closure due to funding struggles. Roland Lines, spokesman for the organization, confirmed that investigators arrived at Reptile World Wednesday with a search warrant after a report from a member of the public citing "animal welfare concerns." Lines said an investiga-

tion was ongoing, but it will likely be a week or more before more information can be released. "This situation is definitely complicated in that this is a zoo. It specializes in reptiles that have very particular needs for their care and handling," Lines said. Reptile World has operated for nearly 26 years and is billed as "Canada's largest live reptile exhibit."

Earlier this week, in an interview, founder Dave Bethel said he has more than 220 animals on display, including "local amphibians, frogs, a 600-lb. alligator, salamanders, python and boas ... we've got everything." But the facility the zoo operates in is in desperate need of repair, Bethel said at the time. The roof leaks and some exhibits needed upgrading, he said.

Bethel couldn't be reached for comment. Lines wouldn't say whether any animals had been removed from Reptile World, but said two specialists had been called in to assess Bethel's reptiles. If the SPCA does proceed with seizing the animals, Lines has already said finding new homes for reptiles could prove challenging. JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO

Charity hockey game with NHL alumni keeps boy's spirit alive

Sports. Nathan O'Brien's passion for hockey, helping other kids lives on in the children's foundation carrying his name



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After the unimaginable sorrow and tragedy young Nathan O'Brien's family endured last year, Thursday night was a time for smiles, fun, and keeping his spirit alive.

Thousands of Calgarians filled the Saddledome for a charity hockey game in support of The Nathan O'Brien Children's Foundation, created in honour of the Calgary boy who disappeared along with his grandparents last summer.

All three were murdered, according to police, who have arrested one man on first-degree murder charges.

Nathan's father, Rod O'Brien, said his son was always eager to help other children, and the foundation — and the hockey game — is what he would have wanted.

"It's just a way of paying it forward," Rod said. "It's every parent's dream to make their child's wish come true and we're just hoping we can do



Former NHL goalie Kelly Hrudey drops the puck for a ceremonial faceoff at the fundraising hockey game for the The Nathan O'Brien Children's Foundation while Nathan's mom, Jen, father, Rod, and brother, Luke, look on. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

that by helping other kids."

The game featured NHL alumni facing off against Nathan's family, friends, and police officers involved in the investigation.

The O'Briens also reached out to and invited 14-year-old Jeremy Duong Luu to play in the game. The Edmonton teen's mother was among the victims of the shootings in late December that left

Quoted

"It's going to be fun, and I think that's what we need to do. We need to celebrate the young life of Nathan's, keep his spirit alive, and move forward."

Sheldon Kennedy, former NHL hockey player

nine people dead in that city's worst mass murder.

"I'm just really excited. I'm just shaking right now,"

Luu said before hitting the ice against the likes of Theoren Fleury, Martin Gelin, and Sheldon Kennedy. "It's just an

unreal feeling."

Kennedy, for his part, was looking forward to the game, too.

"It's going to be fun, and I think that's what we need to do," the former NHL player said before the opening face-off. "We need to celebrate the young life of Nathan's, keep his spirit alive, and move forward and support the charities of the family's choice."

Politics. 'Big city' mayors meet, define shared goals

The Toronto gathering of mayors of big cities from across Canada started on a light note as Calgary's Naheed Nenshi was given — and wore — a tiara worthy of the world's top mayor.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson crowned Nenshi, to the laughter of other mayors gathered in a private meeting room in a King Street West tower, with what looked more like a sparkly tiara than a crown.

Nenshi, known for his fierce promotion of Calgary and social-media savvy, gamely modelled the tiara for a photo tweeted by Gregor's spokesman.

Gregor chairs the big city mayors' caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities summit that includes Toronto Mayor John Tory.

Nenshi was given the 2014 World Mayor Prize by an urban research group after being nominated by Calgarians and other Canadians.

The group described him as an urban visionary and role model to counterparts in North America and Europe for his decisive management, progressiveness and inclusivity.

The mayors then settled down to the serious business of coming up with common goals on transit, infrastructure, housing and more ahead of the federal election to be called for later this year.

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CALGARY-CURRIE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

The Calgary-Currie PC Association is seeking nominations for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the next election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence today, 6th February 2015 and will close at 5pm on 14th February 2015. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will commence at 10am and conclude at 4pm on 28th February 2015 at Bow Cliff Seniors Centre, 608 Poplar Rd SW, Calgary. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in Calgary-Currie constituency boundaries, be a Canadian citizen, and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Calgary-Currie are delineated by the following communities - Bankview, CFB Currie, Glenbrook, Glendale, Killarney, Richmond, Rossbarrock, Shaganappi, Spruce Cliff, Sunalta, Westgate and Wildwood.

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The trend is not new: each year, thousands of Canadians flee the cold and the snow, heading south to sun destinations for weeks or months at a time. But sometimes, it seems that only the most adventurous dare to take the next big step and acquire their own property outside of Canada.

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT: KEY FACTORS

The Canadian company HolaEcuador understood the challenges faced by Canadian snowbirds and now facilitates the sun property acquisition process. After having visited Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama, company co-owners Yves Cormier and Gordon Poole chose Ecuador as the ideal location. The quality of the country's infrastructure, incredible biodiversity, low cost of living, beautiful landscapes, accessible and modern healthcare system and year-round mild climate were the decisive factors.

"Since 2010 we have helped hundreds of Canadians acquire a property on the Pacific coast of Ecuador", says M. Cormier, VP Sales and Marketing. "We are literally creating an entire seaside village. Of the 1,700 properties that we had available at the start of the project, only 700 remain unsold. And now with the majority of the site infrastructure completed, home construction is ramping up quickly."



Mr. and Mrs. Oulianov from Ottawa, purchased their property in HolaEcuador's urban development. "The ability to sign a Canadian contract was reassuring for us", indicates Mrs. Oulianov. "Furthermore, the HolaEcuador representatives here in Gatineau answered all our questions and helped us throughout the entire purchase process. The whole experience was very positive!" The following comments were shared by Mrs. Boucher from Gatineau, who felt reassured by



Mr. and Mrs.
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the progress of the construction of her house and the project in general: "What was promised, was delivered! The project is moving forward quickly and the promoters work with the utmost precaution and make the proper decisions.", she adds.

GOOD TIME TO INVEST

For now, Ecuador remains a relatively well-kept secret. Properties in Ecuador are much more affordable than in similar tourist destinations, which is one of the main reasons that Canadian travellers and investors are flocking to the region. "Prices reflect what was available in Costa Rica 15 years ago, but in a country where first-rate and modern infrastructure is already in place" confirms Mr. Poole. "Further, the Ecuadorian government is very stable and the currency is the US dollar, which is also very reassuring for investors.", he adds. All that said, prices are rising quickly with the current real estate boom in the region. The Oulianovs wanted to act quickly and take advantage of the favourable market. "The development itself is spectacular - an endless beautiful beach, lots of parks and gardens, services available right on the site, and a ton of activities available in the region. We're convinced that this will be a fantastic community in a secure and comfortable environment."

TO GET MORE INFORMATION

"At HolaEcuador's informational seminar I was pleased to discover the high level of professionalism of the developers and the overall quality of the project. In addition to providing lots of interesting information about Ecuador in general, Mr. Poole also provided an in-depth look into this residential project and he took the time to answer numerous questions from the participants. The information that was provided at the seminar left me with a great deal of confidence to take the next steps in realizing my dream." says Al Hendley, a client in Ottawa.



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City goes to court to stop Uber

The city is seeking a court injunction to pull ride-share company Uber off the road.

City officials filed the injunction request in the Court of Queen's Bench on Thursday and are asking the court to prevent the company from offering its service in Edmonton.

Scott Mackie, branch manager of current planning in Edmonton, said the city wel-

comes new and innovative companies, but it can't ignore the insurance and other issues.

"It's not reasonable to allow any service to operate that poses a risk to the public," he said.

In addition to an order declaring the company is operating illegally, the city wants an order preventing it from recruiting drivers, registering new accounts or advertising or

promoting their service.

The city's request also asks for an order to force the company to post any successful injunction on their website and send it to all drivers and users.

In an affidavit as part of the injunction, Edmonton's licensing director Garry Dziwenka said the city is having trouble ticketing Uber drivers individually and needs the injunction.

"When city enforcement staff register user accounts and request Uber rides those accounts are de-activated by Uber as soon as it identifies that those accounts lead to charges," he wrote.

Uber spokesman Xavier Van Chu said the company wants to work with the city as well, but classified the injunction request as disappointing.

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Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta, with the Calgary Police Service's drug unit, with two weapons seized. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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YouTube rap video leads to drug arrests

Beltline. Two men charged; airsoft guns, cocaine, marijuana, \$8,000 in cash seized



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Calgary police say a rap music video posted online helped officers lay charges against two men suspected of dealing drugs out of a southwest home.

Officers executed a search warrant Feb. 3 in the 1200 block of 17 Avenue SW, seizing just over 20 grams of cocaine, 15 grams of marijuana, two airsoft guns and more than \$8,000 in cash.

Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta said the music video, which is posted to YouTube, helped officers in their investigation.

"We know through our investigation that these individuals were dealing drugs in this area," he said. "One of the individuals charged had been seen in an open-source

video that provided evidence that the police ... required for a search warrant."

Police would not say which of the two men are featured in the video, titled Streets by a rapper known as Selloo.

Calgary police are currently working with other police agencies in eastern Canada to investigate the two men's potential connection to Quebec and Ontario.

While weapons seized during the search warrants were airsoft pistols, police said the guns still pose a threat to the officers and the public.

"Unfortunately, these guns are available and as you can see, to an officer or a member of the public they do look extremely real and are treated as real," he said.

Selwyn Marcus Caine, 30, and Djambou Teddy Wemini, 24, of Calgary are facing weapons and drug charges including possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and possession of property obtained by crime.

Both men were released from custody on a recognizance order and are set to appear in court on Feb. 11.



Police say this YouTube music video was used to gather evidence to execute a search warrant at a home in Calgary's Beltline area. YOUTUBE



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Over 100 Calgarians waited outside Target's Shawville location for their chance at a deal during the retailer's liquidation sale. Many customers are leaving similar sales empty-handed and disappointed. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Calgarians line up for liquidation deals

Target. Retailer employed roughly 17,000 people in its Canadian operations



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It was what many expected it to be: a thrifty Thursday at Target, with Calgary residents lined up outside of several locations across the city for the liquidation of the retail giant's Canadian operations.

Members of the Calgary Police Service were on hand at the Shawville Blvd. S.E. store as Target employees ushered in, a few at a time, more than 100 residents who had waited outside in the cold.

James Rowan, who was one of the first out of the store with a purchase, said he expected better deals.

"It says 10 to 30 per cent off,

but I don't think there are a lot of things that actually are 30 per cent off; I think mostly just their clothes," he said. "I don't think they're going to be liquidating quite as quickly as they'd like to."

When asked if he would miss the retailer in Canada, he replied, "Frankly, I don't care." "Right from the get-go, to me, they've mismanaged their business," he said.

On Jan. 15, Target Corporation announced it would be closing all of its 133 Canadian locations and would eventually be laying off 17,600 employees.

Amanda Ausmus arrived shortly after the store opened and went on the hunt for children's clothes. Still, she said, she wasn't concerned about the closure.

"I'll miss the clothes, but that's about it," she said. "The opening was a bit disappointing."

Others, like Olivia Kavat, said they were surprised at how quickly the retailer decided to

In detail

- Target employed between 600 to 900 people in Calgary.
- Estimates note Target wouldn't have been profitable in Canada until 2021.
- A number of stores across Canada were classified as "extremely busy" on Thursday.

close, adding she feels more for the employees than the corporation.

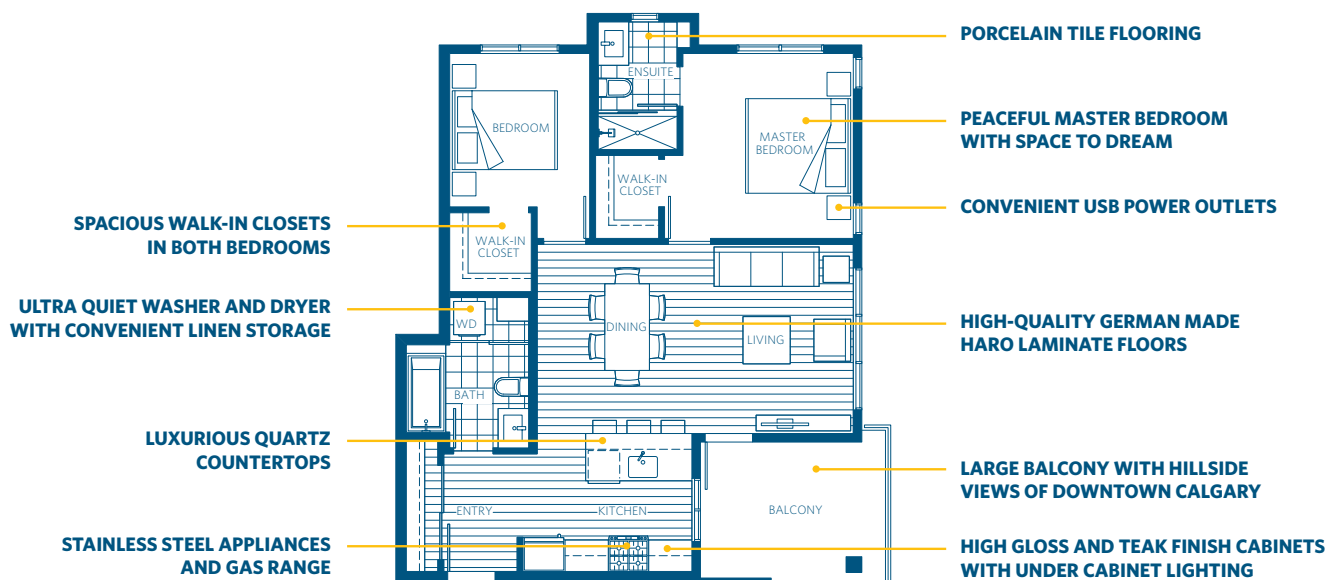
"Am I going to miss Target in general? No. But it kind of sucks for the general population and people who were involved in this company."

Six of Target's 133 stores across the country were located in Calgary, with each store employing roughly 100 to 150 people.

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Health. Alberta working on tanning bed legislation

The Alberta government won't say when it will introduce legislation to regulate tanning beds as a way to prevent skin cancer.

Former health minister Fred Horne said last March that a bill would be introduced in 2014, and that the province was considering banning anyone under 18 from using tanning beds.

Alberta Health spokesman Tim Wilson says the legislation is still being worked on, but a decision hasn't been made on whether it will be tabled in the spring, the fall or even this year.

International groups highlighted the need to prevent skin cancers this week to help mark World Cancer Day.

Sarah Hawkins, a policy analyst with the Canadian Cancer Society, says it can't see any reason for Alberta to delay legislation any further.

Raheem Suleman of the University of Alberta Medical Students' Association says it will work with MLAs on a private member's bill if the government doesn't take action.

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Lawsuit

Ex-medical examiner alleges interference

Alberta's former chief medical examiner is suing the province, claiming political interference in her job and overpayment to funeral homes.

Dr. Anny Sauvageau alleges her office was pressured to top up a body transportation contract with funeral homes by \$3 million

to appease "the rural vote."

She says she also received several complaints about funeral homes, including how some double-billed her office and the families of deceased persons.

The lawsuit says she brought her concerns to justice officials and the premier, but nothing was done and her contract was terminated.

The suit has not been proven in court and the government has yet to respond.

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Pooch PJs benefit shelters

Business. Calgarian's creations keep dogs warm, provide funds to rescue organizations



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Onesies aren't just for humans anymore — a local Calgarian entrepreneur is proving there's nothing more precious than puppies in PJs.

Stephanie Karr has turned making fleecy onesies for her pitbull pups into a business called Pajamas for Pitbulls in order to give back to shelters Canada-wide. Her patterned dog wear helps keep canines warm, but also provides an average of five dollars per pair to places like Prairie Pit Bull Rescue in Lethbridge and the Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society.

"I have two pitties myself and have been in love with the breed for 30 years," Karr said.

She's found putting her dogs in PJs helps people forget about the often misunderstood breed, and concentrate on the



Stephanie Karr, the creator and designer of Pajamas for Pitbulls, poses with her two boys. CONTRIBUTED

cute and cuddly side of the canines.

"I strongly believe in 'adopt, don't shop,'" she said. "I think there are a lot of dogs out there, not just pit bulls, that need forever homes."

Karr started her sewing project at home, hoping to keep her two pit bulls warm

in the winter indoors and out. After she showed her design to the shelter she adopted her pet from, her home hobby exploded and people were asking for pair after pair for dogs of all sizes.

Although she isn't in the position to quit her day job and pursue "world pajama dom-

ination," Karr said she hopes to grow her handmade mandate and donate even more to help dogs in need.

To date she has raised enough to buy four crates and around 40 pairs of PJs. She often donates onesies to organizations and has given more than \$2,000.

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A new way to work

'Workshift.' Advertising agency has found that productivity increased after adopting flexible work-hours policy



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Walk into Woodruff Sweitzer's offices in downtown Calgary and you might mistake the place for a giant loft apartment.

With a giant kitchen and eating area next to a ping-pong table and couch next to a television that alternates between playing music videos and providing video link-ups to clients abroad, the ad agency takes a non-traditional approach to its workplace.

In addition to the giant, multi-coloured lamb that's at the front entrance (part of a rotating art display meant to catch visitors and staff by surprise) and the office-dog schedule that sees a different staff member's canine hang out each day, the agency employs an unusual approach to office hours.

Quoted

"My days aren't 9-to-5; they're never eight hours ... I might get up in the morning and workshift for an hour with client stuff or emails and whatnot and then come in." Alita Gonzalez, creative director at Woodruff Sweitzer

None of the roughly two-dozen employees clock in or clock out. No one has to be in at a certain time. No one even has to come in at all, on a given day, if they'd rather work from home, a coffee shop, or virtually anywhere with an Internet connection. They call it "workshift," and they use it as a verb.

Lead developer Evan Macleod typically works early — he's in by 7 a.m. most days — but mainly because that works best for him.

"My wife works at a dental office and she has to be there super-early, so I just kind of accommodate that by working the same hours," he said. "We can set our own hours as long

as we basically get the work done and fill the required hours for the week."

In order to be accountable, everyone records the time spent working in 15-minute increments, a process Macleod said takes "a minute or so," provided you get in the habit of doing it regularly after completing a particular task.

President Jeff Groeneveld said the company kept close tabs before and after adopting the workshift model and found both productivity and employee happiness went up.

Account director Shannon Anderson said the flexible work hours allow her to collaborate with staff in the office when need be, retreat to a quiet space for concentration, and never get stuck in traffic jams commuting. The model "is not going to be right for every organization," Anderson admits, but she also thinks other small-to-medium-sized businesses might benefit from a more flexible approach to work hours while also keeping employees on task.

For her, the philosophy boils down to one sentence: "We are all adults and we are all responsible."



Woodruff Sweitzer creative director Alita Gonzalez hangs out with account director Shannon Anderson and office-dog-of-the-day Millie, who belongs to lead developer Evan Macleod, at the front entrance of the ad agency's downtown Calgary office. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Top court to release ruling on right to die

Decision. Landmark case could have far-reaching consequences

The country's top court is releasing what could be a landmark decision Friday on the right of the terminally ill to end their lives — a ruling that could have implications for Canada's aging population, as well as doctors and politicians.

The case has pitted the federal government against the Province of Quebec, divided doctors, and forced religious groups to face off against patients on the verge of dying.

The moral, legal and political issues raised by a debate that has polarized the country were sparked by an 89-year-old woman with a degenerative spinal condition who travelled to Switzerland in 2010 to do something she could not do at home in Vancouver: End her life under medical supervision with the counsel, comfort and assistance of her family.

Kay Carter's daughter, Lee, brought the case before the courts in British Columbia and convinced a provincial court judge that a law making it a crime to help someone commit suicide is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The decision, overturned on appeal, has snaked its way up

Possible outcomes

- Judges maintain ban on end-of-life options.
- Judges reverse ban on end-of-life options, forcing a revision of Criminal Code laws dealing with murder and aiding or counselling suicide.
- A split ruling to allow assisted suicide but uphold euthanasia ban.

to the Supreme Court of Canada where the controversial question of euthanasia, assisted suicide and the sanctity of human life will be revisited more than two decades after the 1993 ruling barring ALS patient Sue Rodriguez from ending her life.

The Canadian Medical Association, which lobbies on behalf of the country's physicians, has said it is prepared to help lawmakers draft new rules if necessary, and recently adopted a policy allowing that in some cases of great suffering it may be appropriate to give in to a patient's request to die.

The coalition of groups opposed to the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide are also optimistic about a ruling in their favour.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Naheed Nenshi joins big-city mayors to talk funding hopes

Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi waits to speak to the media as he attends Big Cities Summit hosted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Toronto on Thursday. Canada's big-city mayors met hoping to leverage a looming federal election into billions of dollars worth of commitments from Ottawa for transit, affordable housing and other big-money projects. The 18 mayors made no bones about their awareness that voters are set to go the polls sometime before November. While the politically diverse mayors would not as a group be looking to endorse a particular party, they weren't shy about wanting to see their needs attended to. Big cities account for about two-thirds of the country's population, they noted, but more importantly, nearly half of the country's federal ridings — 142 seats — are in large urban centres. Nenshi made the eye-popping scale of the problem clear, estimating Calgary alone is short about \$17 billion over the coming decade. PHOTO: CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Brunswick

Arrest made in python deaths

The man who owned the python that killed two young boys in New Brunswick in August 2013 has been arrested in the case, his lawyer said.

Leslie Matchim said Jean-Claude Savoie was arrested

Thursday by police in the Montreal area.

Noah Barthe, 4, and his six-year-old brother Connor were found dead on Aug. 5, 2013, after an African rock python escaped its enclosure inside Savoie's apartment, where they were staying for a sleepover. The python asphyxiated the boys, autopsies said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Surveillance

Woman detained in China released, husband still jailed

China's Foreign Ministry says a Canadian woman detained with her husband on suspicion of stealing state secrets has been released on bail.

Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said Thursday that Julia Garratt was released. She and her husband Kevin were detained on Aug. 4 by the state security bureau.

Hong said both have been charged with stealing secrets and spying. Her husband has been moved to the more serious status of criminal detention. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PC Alberta PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

The Calgary-North West PC Association is seeking the nomination for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the up coming election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence February 7th, 2015 and will close at 5:00pm on February 14th, 2015. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will be held 10:00am to 2:00pm on February 21st, 2015 at the Crowchild Twin Arena (185 Scenic Acres Dr NW), in the Lounge Room. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in Calgary-North West, be a Canadian citizen, and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Calgary-North West are Tuscany, Royal Oak, Rocky Ridge, Scenic Acres, Lynx Ridge Road and Lynx Meadows Drive. Interested parties may obtain further information, sets of nomination papers and details of the nomination process from the Nomination Chairperson, Nicholas Moskaluk at 403-969-8202

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Water for four poor reserves to cost \$165M

Manitoba. Despite the known cost, only a small fraction has been budgeted for the improvements

A spokeswoman for Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said the minister was not available for comment and did not provide anyone to answer questions.

Emily Hillstrom sent an emailed statement saying the government has made progress over the past four years — with updated plumbing and new water trucks to improve the situation on the reserves.

Chiefs blamed a lack of running water and overcrowding for the rapid spread of illness and studies later backed them up.

"Preparations for remote First Nations communities prior to future outbreaks should include ... attention to fundamental health determinants, including housing conditions such as overcrowding, access to potable water and sanitation," said a study published in the Canadian Journal of Public Health in April 2012.

As part of its response to the outbreak, the feds sent body bags to the reserves, raising the ire of chiefs. They said that when they asked for help to bring running water to half the homes, Ottawa sent 1,000 slop pails to use as toilets. Upgrades that have been done are a Band-Aid solution, a spokesman said.

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Internal federal documents estimate it will cost \$165 million to replace government-issued slop pails with modern indoor plumbing on four of Canada's poorest reserves, but only a fraction of that has been budgeted.

Regional reports from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada say \$22 million was budgeted in 2011 to install rudimentary indoor plumbing in hundreds of homes in a cluster of northern Manitoba reserves known as Island Lake.

The reports date back to the fall of 2013 and were received under access-to-information legislation.

They say upgraded homes were outfitted with basic plumbing hooked up to individual water and sewage tanks.

Although the reports repeatedly say much more money is needed for a community sewage system, no new money has been budgeted in more than three years.

"The project costs exceed available funding," states a report dated March 2014.



Annie Dan stores lake water in a container for use at her Red Sucker Lake First Nation in this 2010 photo. JOE BRYKSA/WINNIPEG FREE PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ombudsman

Vets shouldn't have to scramble to find appeal lawyers: Parent

The country's veterans ombudsman is disappointed the federal government has not extended legal assistance to ex-soldiers who find themselves battling for benefits in front of the Federal Court.

Guy Parent, as part of his review of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board, recommended that Ottawa allow lawyers in the pension advocates branch to continue to help those whose cases end up in the courts. The suggestion was part of a 2012 review. Parent says the Conservative government has made good progress implementing some of his recommendations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians in Iraq

Our CF-18s destroy ISIL bomb factory

Canadian warplanes have gone into action again in Iraq, bombing a militant compound and bomb-making factory in separate raids over the last few days.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson announced the news in a conference call on Thursday, following a

NATO defence ministers meeting in Brussels.

Nicholson said one mission took place Wednesday and involved CF-18s hitting a compound that was used as a staging area for extremists who've been launching guerilla-style raids into Baghdad. Another attack took place Feb. 3, when Canadian fighters supported Iraqi troops near Mosul.

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Emergency. 'Stop whining,' 911 operator tells teen girl after dad is fatally struck

An emergency-services dispatcher twice told an emotional 13-year-old girl to "stop whining" as her father lay dying after a hit-and-run, according to a recording of the call obtained Thursday.

The accident occurred on a highway about halfway between Washington and Baltimore. The dispatcher has been reassigned to a position away from the public pending an investigation, said Fire Capt. Russ Davies. The dispatcher, whose name Davies

Call details

During the five-minute call, the dispatcher asks the teen for more details about her location and about what happened. She answers many questions but struggles to remain calm.

declined to release, could return to answering calls but could also face termination.

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Death Row Records

Former mogul leaves hospital, back in custody

Former rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight left a California hospital and went back to jail a day after complaining of chest pains shortly after pleading

not guilty to murder in a deadly hit-and-run.

The Death Row Records founder is charged with intentionally hitting and killing a man and injuring another with his truck.

Knight is accused of running down and killing his friend Terry Carter, 55, and trying to kill Cle "Bone" Sloan, 51.

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Paris restricts action-flick filming over terror attack



Soldiers patrol near the Louvre in Paris. LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Movie industry.

Paris police feel the actors in uniform could be targets for terrorists and cause confusion among the public

Fearing that actors could be mistaken for police and chase scenes confused for the real thing, Paris is sharply restricting filming of action movies in the city that has been the stage for some of film's most memorable high-octane sequences. Filming

Quoted

"It could have an impact on the big American productions."

Agnes Naggeotte, of the Cinema Mission of the City of Paris. Paris is holding its annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping that it will continue to attract big productions.

outside scenes with police, army or security services was quietly banned after the attacks in the French capital that left 20 dead, including three gunmen.

The telegenic city has long been a favoured filming location, especially for chase scenes that feature some of the world's most recognizable landmarks.

Luc Besson's 2014 box-office hit *Lucy*, with Scarlett Johansson, features a police chase next to the Louvre — unfeasible under the new rules.

"Had Luc Besson wanted to film this now, it would be impossible," said William Trillaud, set fixer for the movie. The same may have been true of 2014's blockbuster *Edge of Tomorrow*, which was partly filmed in the French capital, starring Emily Blunt and Tom Cruise. Matt Damon's famed *Mini Cooper* chase in the *Bourne Identity* also wouldn't have happened.

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The tail from TransAsia Airways Flight 235 is hoisted away in Taipei, Taiwan, on Thursday. The plane, with 58 people aboard, clipped a bridge shortly after takeoff and crashed into a river Wednesday morning. WALLY SANTANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Panic and heroism on Flight 235

Taipei. Details come together of the plane's final moments before sinking into the river

From the start of the flight in Taiwan's capital, Huang Jin-sun suspected trouble.

"There was some sound next to me. It did not feel right shortly after takeoff. The engine did not feel right," the 72-year-old man told ETTV television Thursday from his hospital bed.

Huang was one of 15 people who survived when the TransAsia Airways turbojet carrying 58 people crashed Wednesday into a river minutes after taking off in Taipei.

Moments before the plane banked sharply and crashed, one of its pilots told the control tower, "Mayday, mayday, engine flameout," according to an aviation official who asked not to be identified.

"Engine flameout" refers to flames being extinguished in the combustion chamber of the engine, so that it shuts down and no longer drives the propeller. Causes include a lack of fuel or being struck by an object.

The plane, less than a year old, had one of its engines replaced by Pratt & Whitney

Canada last April because of a glitch with the original engine, the airline said.

The plane's black boxes were recovered overnight and are likely to provide more clues.

Images of Flight 235's final moments appear to show the left engine's propeller at standstill as the aircraft turned sharply, its wings clipping a highway bridge, before plunging into the Keelung River.

Huang said he helped four other passengers unbuckle their seatbelts.

"I saw others were drowning," he said. "If I did not move quickly enough to help them, soon they would be dead."

Also among the survivors was a family of three, including a two-year-old boy whose heart stopped beating after three minutes under water. He recovered after receiving CPR, his uncle told reporters.

The pilots' actions in the flight's final moments have led to speculation that they attempted to avoid highrise buildings by following the line of the river and then banked sharply in an attempt to bring it down in the water rather than crash on land.

Divers searched the river Thursday for the remaining 11 people on board, including the two pilots. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Eric Garner case

Petitioners seek to unseal decision on chokehold death

Two months after a grand jury declined to press charges in the police killing of an unarmed New York City man, a state judge must decide whether to disclose details of the secret proceedings.

The New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) and

other petitioners have gone to court on Staten Island to demand that Judge William Garnett open the record in the Eric Garner case — a position opposed by Richmond County District Attorney Daniel Donovan. Garnett is set to hear arguments at a hearing on Thursday morning.

In court papers, the NYCLU cited the outcry over the grand jury's decision not to indict Daniel Pantaleo — the white New York Police Department officer seen on a

widely-watched video putting the unarmed black man in what the medical examiner called a fatal chokehold — as a compelling reason to make an exception to the long-standing practice of keeping the process secret.

Disclosure is needed "to restore public confidence in our criminal-justice system and to inform the current debate that has begun regarding the role of the grand jury as an instrument of justice or injustice," NYCLU argues in

the court papers.

In its reply, Donovan's office has argued that grand-jury witnesses testified "with full assurances of secrecy." Making their testimony public, the papers argue, would bring an "inevitable result of harassment or retaliation."

Such disclosure would also "almost certainly have a chilling effect on the very type of witness co-operation that is ... most difficult to obtain," the Staten Island prosecutor's papers add. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Boko Haram

Extremists under attack turn fury on Cameroonians

Nigerian Islamic extremists on the run from a massive, three-nation offensive took revenge Thursday on civilians in neighbouring Cameroon, shooting and burning scores to death and razing mosques

and churches. France's president warned that the world is not doing enough to end the wanton killings by Boko Haram.

Cameroonian officials said more than 500 wounded people are trapped in the town of Fotokol, where fighting began Wednesday and continued Thursday. They said Boko Haram fighters are using civilians as shields.

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Argentina

Gov't focuses on former spy chief in death of prosecutor

The spy novel-like drama that has gripped Argentina since the mysterious death of President Cristina Fernandez's nemesis took a critical new twist Thursday when investigators called one of the country's most

enigmatic spy chiefs to testify before them.

The testimony by Antonio Stiuso, who was dismissed in December and whose whereabouts were unknown, could be key to determining whether Fernandez is able to survive the storm in the waning months of her presidency, or whether the deepening scandal will swamp her administration.

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Church

Pope says it's OK to spank kids

Pope Francis says it's OK to spank your children to discipline them — as long as their dignity is maintained.

Francis made the remarks this week during his weekly general audience, which was devoted to the role of fathers in the family. Francis outlined the traits of a good father:

one who forgives but is able to "correct with firmness" while not discouraging the child. "One time, I heard a father in a meeting with married couples say 'I sometimes have to smack my children a bit, but never in the face so as to not humiliate them,'" Francis said. "How beautiful!" Francis remarked. "He knows the sense of dignity! He has to punish them but does it justly and moves on."

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Leaders back new Ukraine peace plan

Talks. German chancellor and French president to meet Putin on Friday in Moscow

Carrying a peace plan that reportedly incorporates proposals from Russia, the leaders of Germany and France met Thursday with Ukrainian Petro Poroshenko in a hastily arranged mission to bring an end to the accelerated fighting in the east of the country.

The trip by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, who will follow by meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday in Moscow, came as concerns rose about whether the U.S. would grant lethal

aid to Ukraine and as NATO formed a quick-reaction force of 5,000 soldiers in response to Russia's increased military muscle-flexing.

The high-level diplomacy came as resurgent fighting killed eight more people in eastern Ukraine and fuelled fears the conflict is threatening Europe's overall security. More than 5,300 people have been killed since the fighting started in April.

The top NATO commander, U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, said Thursday that Russia continues to supply the separatists with heavy, state-of-the-art weapons, air defences and fighters.

In comments to reporters after the talks with Poroshenko, Kerry urged Russia to show its commitment to a peaceful, diplomatic solution to the conflict in east-

ern Ukraine by ceasing its military support for the separatists and bringing them to the negotiation table.

"Our choice is diplomacy," Kerry said, making no mention of providing Ukraine with lethal military aid.

At a later news conference with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Kerry said President Barack Obama "is reviewing all his options; among those options obviously is the possibility of providing defensive systems to Ukraine."

"We are not interested in a proxy war. Our objective is to change Russia's behaviour," he said.

Nonetheless, U.S. lethal aid to Ukraine would likely intensify the conflict and further polarize the West and Russia.

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Jordanians rally against ISIL

Jordanians chant slogans to show their support for the government against terror during a rally in Amman, Jordan, Thursday. Jordanian warplanes bombed ISIL targets on Thursday, state TV said, after Jordan's King Abdullah II vowed to wage a "harsh" war against the militants who control large areas of neighbouring Syria and Iraq. RAAD ADAYLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



CALGARY-GLENMORE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

The Calgary-Glenmore PC Association is seeking nominations for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the upcoming election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence today, February 6, 2015 and will close at 4:00 PM on February 14, 2015. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on February 21, 2015 at Haysboro Community Centre, 1204-89 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in Calgary-Glenmore, be a Canadian citizen, and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Calgary-Glenmore may be seen by visiting the following website: <http://www.elections.ab.ca>.

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Chris Kyle, a former Navy SEAL and author of the book *American Sniper*, poses in Midlothian, Texas, in April 2012. Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield were shot dead at a gun range outside Stephenville, Texas, two years ago.

Jurors sought for slain SEAL trial

American Sniper
Chris Kyle. About 800 candidates were summoned for duty

With a trial set to begin next week for the man accused of killing famed Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle and a friend of Kyle's, court officials in Texas are getting ready to screen potential jurors.

Candidates will start reporting Thursday to district court in the small town of Stephenville, southwest of Fort Worth. The jurors will decide the case of former Marine Eddie Ray Routh, 27, who's charged with capital murder in the killings two years ago at a gun range outside of Stephenville.

Here are some details about how the jury-selection process will work:

THE TIMELINE

About 500 people are expected to report to court to get information on juror qualifications and potential exemptions on Thursday and Friday. Four sessions will be held over the course of the two days to accommodate all of the potential jurors.

Erath County District Clerk Wanda Pringle said she does not yet know whether attorneys on those days will choose to give potential jurors a questionnaire per-



Eddie Ray Routh is charged with capital murder in the fatal shootings two years ago. ERATH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

taining specifically to the Routh case. Jury selection is set for Monday and Tuesday. Opening statements are expected Wednesday.

A LARGE POOL

Pringle says that instead of a typical jury pool of 175, about 800 were summoned. Of them, about 300 have been eliminated, including people who are exempt and others whose summons were mailed to the wrong address.

INTEREST IN THE TRIAL

The trial is expected to garner international attention. The court has already issued an extensive list of rules related to media coverage, and police have issued information on road closures when the trial starts. The Os-

car-nominated movie *American Sniper*, based on Kyle's memoir of the same name, starring Bradley Cooper, was recently released. Kyle served four tours in Iraq before retiring from the military in 2009.

THE DEFENDANT

Routh, who struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder after leaving the Marines in 2010, had served as a small-arms technician in the Iraq war and was deployed to earthquake-ravaged Haiti on a relief mission. Kyle took Routh to the shooting range at a luxury resort in the rolling countryside outside of Stephenville after Routh's mother asked if Kyle could help her son. Routh's attorney has said he'll pursue an insanity defence.

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Liquidation sale misses its Target

Retail. Promised 30% discount items hard to find, leaving bargain-hunters frustrated

Bargain hunters who expected to unearth major deals at their local Target stores on Thursday, the first day of its liquidation sale, were sure to be disappointed once they got a look at the prices.

Store signs that promised discounts of up to 30 per cent yielded to shelves with price cuts mostly in the 10 to 20 per cent range.

The elusive deeper discounts quickly became a conversation piece for customers who roamed the store aisles, discussing the savings, or lack of them, on their cellphones.

Liquidation sales began at Target's 133 stores across the country after an Ontario court gave the go-ahead for

the sale on Wednesday, less than a month after the U.S. retailer announced its plans to leave Canada.

Despite some complaints, the 30-per-cent discount did exist — if shoppers were looking for cosmetics or women's accessories. Most everything else in the store was reduced by less, with clearance sales on items such as diapers, dishes, and most electronics discounted by 10 per cent.

Apple products, such as

the iPad and iPod Touch, were just five per cent off.

Customer traffic spiked at Target locations across the country compared with an average day at the store.

As with most liquidations, the discounts are likely to grow as time goes by and the company looks to clear out product that hasn't sold. Target hopes to be out of Canada before the summer with the goal of closing all of its stores by mid-May. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Hacking. Sony Pictures head gets reassigned

Amy Pascal will step down as co-chairwoman of Sony Pictures Entertainment and head of the film studio, nearly three months after a massive hack hit the company and revealed embarrassing emails.

Pascal, one of the most powerful women in Hollywood and the force behind such critical and commercial hits as *The Social Network* and *American Hustle*, will launch a major new production venture at the studio focused on movies, television and theatre, Sony Pictures said. Her career with Sony has spanned nearly 20 years.

During the hack, Pascal came under fire for racist remarks about U.S. President Barack Obama's presumed choice in movies that surfaced in leaked emails. Pascal also faced criticism for green-lighting the film that may have inspired the hacking to begin with: *The Interview*.

Pascal will transition to the new venture in May. Sony Pictures will finance Pascal



under a four-year contract.

Since Pascal has led the studio, Sony Pictures has amassed over \$46 billion US in global theatrical box office revenue and 315 academy award nominations. Some of the films Pascal shepherded include the last three James Bond films, *The Da Vinci Code*, *Adaptation*, *Eat Pray Love*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *Moneyball*, and *Zero Dark Thirty*.

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DVD rentals. Redbox pulling out of Canada

DVD and Blu-ray rental company Redbox is shutting down its Canadian operations and pulling its rental kiosks out of Canada.

Chicago-based Redbox announced Thursday that it made the decision after failing to generate sufficient business at its 1,400 rental kiosks across the country.

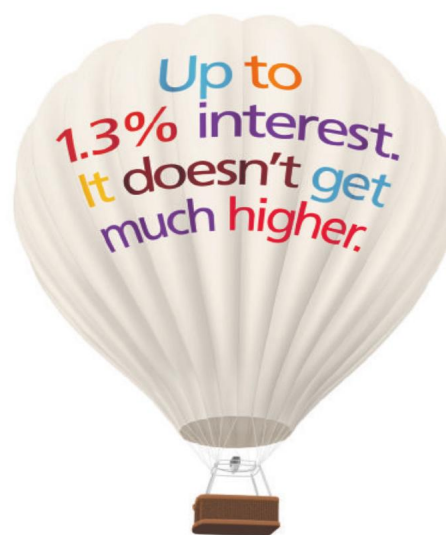
Company president Mark Horak said the last date for rentals will be Feb. 13, with the last return date on March 5. Most of the kiosks and their contents are expected to be removed and returned to the United States by the end of March. Asked how many

employees and contractors would be affected by the shutdown, Horak would say only "very few."

Redbox landed in Canada in mid-2012 and set up most of its machines at grocery and convenience stores.

Physical media has been declining in popularity for several years as more viewers turn to streaming video and video-on-demand options. Last summer, Canadian DVD rental company Zip.ca shut down its Ottawa-based DVD-by-mail operation and removed its rental kiosks in parts of the country.

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Severance not lottery win

That severance package might have to last a while if you're among the thousands of Canadians affected by the spate of recent job cuts.

Jeff Schwartz, executive director of Consolidated Credit Counselling Services of Canada Ltd., said sums paid to departing employees are too often treated as lottery winnings. "And that's the exact wrong thing to do. This should be rationed out.

It should be saved," he said.

Severance is meant to "bridge the gap" for taking care of the essentials while an employee is out of work, he said, so any lump sum should be kept readily available. Paying down debt or investing should take a backseat for the time being.

A lot of Canadians are in a tough spot these days. U.S. retailer Target announced last month it's closing up shop in

Canada, leaving 17,000 staff out of a job. Oil prices have shrivelled below US\$50 a barrel, leading to widespread cutbacks across Alberta's oilpatch. Some 350 Tim Hortons employees are out of work.

Lawyer Kim Nutz figures her office is fielding between 30 and 50 calls a day from folks seeking a severance review. Her firm is based in Calgary, the white-collar heart of the oilpatch. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Clothing suppliers

Ethical wear for federal workers

Mounties, prison guards and park wardens could soon be sporting duds made in an ethical way. Public Works — which buys uniforms and work wear for federal government employees — is giving serious thought to going to suppliers who follow strict labour laws and have good working conditions, a document shows. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vatican

Pope tells kids he's computer-illiterate

Pope Francis has made a confession of sorts, telling a 16-year-old girl from Spain that he doesn't have a clue about how to work a computer. The 78-year-old Francis made the confession Thursday during a Google Hangout with several disabled kids from around the world. The children involved showed Francis how they make use of technology, including braille keypads, tablets and video cameras. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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THE KOHLER REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

For the most part, Canada hasn't dealt with Prohibition since the 1920s (though P.E.I. was dry until 1948, suckers) and I'm not saying we deal with Prohibition now, but if you take a look around this country, it might feel like you're at least dealing with Prohibition's stubborn grandchild.

For a brief moment, it looked like the idea of selling beer in corner stores was back on the table in my home province of Ontario, but that wish/dream/desperate longing was thwarted this week when Premier Kathleen Wynne announced that while changes are coming, convenience store beer would not be one of them.

Ontario is not alone in its archaic, condescending liquor laws. Aside from Quebec, and Newfoundland and Labrador, most provinces do not allow the sale of beer in corner stores, instead selling the beverage in a mix of highly regulated public and privately-owned stores. Why is buying beer almost as annoying as renewing my health card?

The history is deep. In most provinces,

when Prohibition came to an end and average citizens were again able to legally purchase alcohol, they needed a permit, kind of like a driver's licence, to do so.

Every time you went to your Liquor Control Board, you had to show this permit and the clerk would make a record of what you purchased. Man, I'd be pretty embarrassed if someone had a record of every trip I've made to a liquor store. It would be a novel by now, I'd title it Chianti: A Love Story.

So it's great that things have changed a smidge since early post-Prohibition Canada; I'm also thrilled I'm able to vote as a woman. But it's still no picnic. Meanwhile, you can buy booze in grocery and convenience stores in the U.K., New Zealand, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Malta, the list is pretty much never-ending. In Japan you can buy beer from street vending machines! And in the States, you can get liquor at the pharmacy, which admittedly grosses me out. Picking up your gout medication at the same place you'll be scoring a bottle of Jack? Settle down, now. But that said, these countries are not falling apart at the seams, and they are not overrun by zombie-like drunks.

What is the worry? That people will all of

Booze hogs, not bozos

The governments aren't stupid. They saw how much money bootleggers made during Prohibition and they wanted a piece of it.

a sudden start guzzling beer just because it's there? That we'll all turn into Barney Gumble from the Simpsons? I guess our governments think this is best for us. But, is it? Think of a hectic Saturday when you have a bunch of errands to run: Dry cleaning, a stop at Canadian Tire, a kids' birthday party drop-off, now grocery shopping and while you're picking out a roast beef you realize, "Frig. I have to go to the liquor store." Now you're late, driving in a rush, you're stressed, you forget to pick up your kids, they develop abandonment issues. Pandemonium!

Then there are places like Nunavut where there are no liquor stores — you have to order alcohol by mail — a precaution taken to help curb alcoholism and stave off drinking-related crimes.

Sadly, this has not helped and thanks to

bootleggers and other providers of illegally sourced alcohol, they're still boozing it up there.

This has less to do with protecting us from our bad habits and more to do with money. The governments aren't stupid. They saw how much money bootleggers made during Prohibition and they wanted a piece of it. In fact, in Ontario, it was the government that decided to start selling alcohol again after the people voted against the idea (don't even get me started on those bozos).

And to this day, the government profits greatly every time you get your bevvy on — because it knows people are going to drink and they will find a way to do it. Sure, I whine about the walk to the liquor store, but does it stop me from going? No way. I'd crawl there if I had to.

This is a charade! The government "protects us" by keeping our liquor in a cookie jar on a high-up shelf but it's like, "Dude, I know where the ladder is. Could we just keep the cookies on the counter? I have things to do."

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From double disgraces to temper tantrums by beautiful faces, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



LYING LANCE

Here we are again, shaking our heads at Lance Armstrong. This time it's over the disgraced cyclist's admission that he hit a couple of parked cars in Aspen, then let his girlfriend take the blame. Armstrong said he was trying to protect his teenagers from seeing his name in the papers again. Well played, Lance. Well played.



TODDLERS AND TIARAS AND TANTRUMS

This week in sore-loser news, the runner-up in the Miss Amazon pageant snatched the tiara off the winner's head, threw it down and stormed off stage like, well, a toddler. Sheilane Hayalla claimed her rival, Carol Toledo, bought the title.



PUT DOWN THE PHONE!

It's a sign of the times, we suppose. This photo of a boater in California has gone viral after the man was seen texting while a humpback whale breached beside him. Witnesses said he never looked away from his phone and missed the whole thing.



NENSHI MANIA

Finally, a Canadian mayor is making international headlines for all the right reasons. Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi has been named the best mayor in the world by U.K. research group City Mayors Foundation. Nenshi beat out 120 other mayors to win the title. (Cowboy) hats off to you, Mr. Nenshi!



A MILE IN HIS SHOES

A Detroit man who walks 34 kilometres every day to get to work may soon be getting a much-needed car — at least — thanks to a crowdfunding campaign that's raised more than \$230,000. James Robertson, who makes \$11 an hour at a job not accessible by transit, has been walking to work in all weather for 10 years. He's never been late and never missed a day.



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It's our fault that movies are dull

Analysis. As audiences flock to see films based on comic books, video games and old TV shows, more serious and original movies get lost in the shuffle

Who's to blame for Hollywood's current lack of originality?

Are the suits too eager to green-light reboots and sequels?

Are screenwriters so uninspired that they can't think past remaking their favourite 1980s TV shows?

Do actors only consider characters based on video games?

Of course not.

The people responsible for the movie doldrums these days live in your mirrors and selfies.

That's right. If you go to the cinema and didn't check out *Birdman*, *Whiplash* or *Obvious Child*, but did go see *Guardians of the Galaxy* 25 times, you forced Hollywood's hand, guaranteeing another 10 years of the big-screen exploits of comic-book characters, Rocket Raccoon and company.

Guardians is a fun movie that people liked and Hollywood is in the business of giving moviegoers what they want.

But the fear is that a constant stream of familiar-feeling films could create a less-discerning audience. If you are fed a steady diet of dog food, eventually you'll get used to the taste.

Birdman is an accessible and entertaining movie. But with a total gross of less than one weekend's business for



Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis star in *Jupiter Ascending*. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE



Guardians, it's unlikely to inspire a *Birdman* 2: No Plucking Way.

However, a bigger box office take for films like *Birdman* could inspire more adventurous films, as an antidote to the slew of movies with numbers in their titles.

Big-budget Hollywood doesn't often take the path less trodden.

People went to see *Inception*, but I would argue the reference point for that movie was director

Christopher Nolan — hot off the *Batman* streak — and not the unique story.

Less successful were originals like *Edge of Tomorrow*, despite the usually winning mix of great reviews and Tom Cruise, and *Transcendence*, the computer hard drive horror that brought Johnny Depp's box office average way down.

Despite those high-profile failures, this weekend, Warner Brothers has gone off the map to show support for an original story from *The Matrix* directors, the Wachowskis.

Jupiter Ascending is a space opera about genetic-

Richard's Ratings

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ally engineered warrior Caine (Channing Tatum) who helps human janitor Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis) take her place as heir to the galaxy.

Big stars, big-name directors and a new story should appeal, but already the knives are out.

"*Jupiter Ascending* looks like a great movie," wrote @RickIngraham on twitter, "to never see."

Jupiter Ascending will rise or fall based on audience interest, but if it tanks, it'll be harder for other unusual stories to get made.

There are already at least 30 sequels, reboots and spin-offs scheduled for 2015 — everything from *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* to *Paul Blart: Mall Cop II* — so unless you want another *Daddy Day Care* reboot in 2016, get out of your comfort zone and see something new and original today.

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Sean Bean talks about web fame and working with the Wachowskis on *Jupiter Ascending*

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Sean Bean has made a career in big-budget genre fare, from James Bond to *The Lord of the Rings* to *Game of Thrones*.

His latest sends him to outer space with co-directors Andy and Lana Wachowski for *Jupiter Ascending*, in which Bean plays a human-bee hybrid helping an unwitting earthling (Mila Kunis) embrace her true heritage as one of the most powerful beings in the universe.

That career of his, by the way, has also inspired an entire sub-genre of Internet memes, remixing his more famous lines for commentary on sports, politics,



Sean Bean plays a human-bee hybrid helping out earthling Jupiter (Mila Kunis) in *Jupiter Ascending*. CONTRIBUTED

pop culture or anything, really. Not that he necessarily knows what a meme is, exactly.

When you're working with the Wachowskis, do you ever play one off of the other, since you have two directors?

You mean try and get one pissed off with the other one?

Say you don't necessarily like the direction one of them's giving you...

No, no (laughs). It was quite good, really, because if Andy was directing, Lana would take a back seat, and vice versa. It was actually kind of hard to distinguish because they were so kind of focused and singular in what they wanted to get. They have kind of different

styles. I guess Andy was a bit more physically oriented than Lana. She was more cerebral and low-key in the sense that she wanted a very kind of even reading, a very natural kind of rendition. I guess, because we were in a sci-fi film, it's quite easy to push it maybe too much, and she didn't like that. She liked it quieter, which I totally agree with. It's an

interesting kind of thing to think about. People don't actually declaim everything. Every scene you're in, if you've got one line, sometimes it's important but it's not, you know, in the scheme of things it's just a simple, natural reading. That was quite interesting, listening to them and improving it in terms of what we were doing.

How aware are you of the Internet memes built up around your characters?

Kind of, I think. Yes, I saw one that said, "One does not simply walk into Bramall Lane," which I thought was quite good because my soccer team is Sheffield United. We played the Spurs the other night, and that was the thing: "One does not simply walk into Bramall Lane."

What is it like to actually be an Internet meme?

Is that what it is, a meme? I'm a meme? It's quite good, yeah. And it can be applied to lots of situations, that

More online!

- As a special treat, we got Sean Bean to indulge us by doing a live-reading of some of the more ridiculous Sean Bean Memes we could come up with. Go online to metronews.ca to see the results. You won't be sorry.



"One does not simply ..." line. Yeah, it's great.

Also, on behalf of all people named Ned, I wanted to thank you for giving us someone cool in pop culture with our name. Oh yeah. Ned Stark, yeah. I don't really meet a lot of Neds. It's an unusual name. What's it short for, Edward? That's a good name.

My mom seems to think so. Definitely a good name, yeah.

Now in theatres

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

Ratings: Certified Fresh: 🍅 Fresh: 🍅 Rotten: 🍅 Audience response: 🍅 Audience anticipation for the film: +

Animated



The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

Director. Paul Tibbitt

Stars. Tom Kenny

SpongeBob SquarePants, the world's favourite sea-dwelling invertebrate, comes ashore to our world for his most super-heroic adventure yet.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 77% Audience: + 89%

Drama



Seventh Son

Director. Sergey Bodrov

Stars. Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore

In a time long past, an evil is about to be unleashed that will reignite the war between the forces of the supernatural and humankind once more. Master Gregory is a knight who had imprisoned the malevolently powerful witch, Mother Malkin, centuries ago. But now she has escaped and is seeking vengeance.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet Audience: 🍅 51%

Comedy



Jupiter Ascending

Director. Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Stars. Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum

From the streets of Chicago to the far-flung galaxies whirling through space, *Jupiter Ascending* tells the story of Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis), who was born under a night sky, with signs predicting she was destined for great things.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 37% Audience: + 97%

Drama



Mr. Turner

Director. Mike Leigh

Stars. Timothy Spall, Paul Jesson

This film explores the last quarter century of the great if eccentric British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 98% Audience: 🍅 90%

Action



Outcast

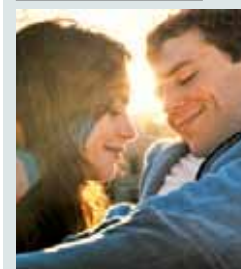
Director. Nick Powell

Stars. Nicolas Cage, Hayden Christensen

When the heir of the Imperial throne becomes the target of an assassination by his despised older brother, the young prince must flee the kingdom and seek protection. His only hope for survival is a reluctant war-weary crusader named Jacob, who must overcome his own personal demons and rally the assistance of a mythical outlaw.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet Audience: + 83%

Comedy/Romance



Love, Rosie

Director. Christian Ditter

Stars. Lily Collins

Since the moment they met at age five, Rosie and Alex have been best friends, facing the highs and lows of growing up side by side. A fleeting shared moment, one missed opportunity, and the decisions that follow send their lives in completely different directions. As each navigates the complexities of life and love they always find their way back to each other.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 29% Audience: + 88%

Quinto, Wilkinson could join Oliver Stone's Snowden movie

Casting. Roles of two Guardian journalists and filmmaker Laura Poitras are up for grabs

Melissa Leo, Zachary Quinto and Tom Wilkinson are in talks to board Oliver Stone's forthcoming Edward Snowden movie, which will centre on the former NSA contractor who leaked classified documents to the press in 2013, TheWrap reveals.

Leo is negotiating the role of filmmaker Laura Poitras, who helmed the 2014 documentary Citizenfour on the Snowden story. Wilkinson and Quinto are in talks to play the journalists Ewen MacAskill and Glenn Greenwald, respectively, who helped Snowden to disseminate the confidential documents he obtained from the American agencies.

The infamous former CIA employee and NSA contractor will be played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt (Don Jon), while Shailene Woodley

(Divergent) will play his girlfriend. Scott Eastwood (Fury) will play an NSA agent.

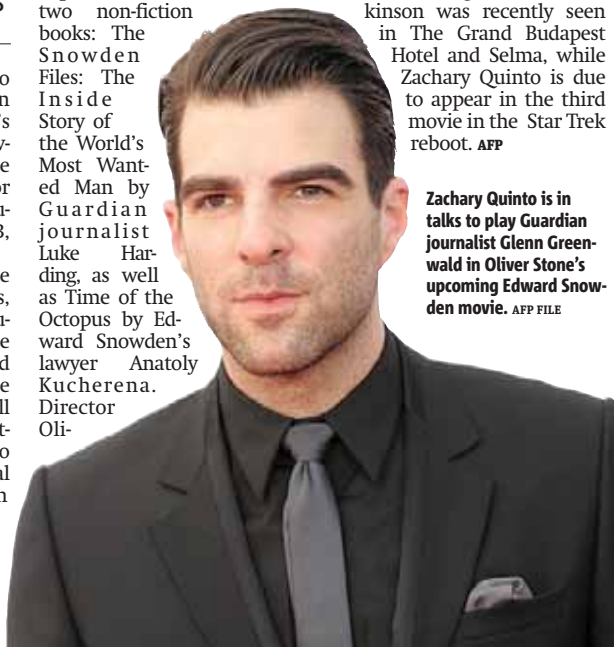
The untitled project is expected to draw on two non-fiction books: The Snowden

Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man by Guardian journalist Luke Harding, as well as Time of the Octopus by Edward Snowden's lawyer Anatoly Kucherena. Director Oli-

ver Stone is slated to begin principal photography soon.

Melissa Leo earned an Oscar in 2011 for her supporting role in The Fighter. Tom Wilkinson was recently seen in The Grand Budapest Hotel and Selma, while Zachary Quinto is due to appear in the third movie in the Star Trek reboot. **AFP**

Zachary Quinto is in talks to play Guardian journalist Glenn Greenwald in Oliver Stone's upcoming Edward Snowden movie. **AFP FILE**



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Being voice of SpongeBob is 'best job' in the world

Animated character.

Tom Kenny loves his child-friendly voiceover gig as a TV favourite

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Metro in Hollywood

Like SpongeBob SquarePants, the character he's voiced for 17 years, Tom Kenny is happy. "I think I've got the best job — not just in showbiz, but in the world," he tells us. Though his resumé is clogged with animated voiceover work, it's the Nickelodeon staple — now getting its second movie, *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie: Sponge Out of Water* — for which he's most recognized. But Kenny also has a history of very non-child-friendly fare, including the legendary sketch comedy show *Mr. Show and Shakes the Clown*, the 1993 cult comedy by his childhood friend Bobcat Goldthwait. Fun fact: The character he played in the latter — bitter, evil clown

Binky — inspired the very good 1996 R.E.M. song *Binky the Doormat*.

It's interesting that SpongeBob records with the cast altogether in the studio. That's not how most animated shows or movies do voiceover work.

Even if you have a home studio where you're living, it's just not the same as looking through the glass at the creator of the show and having eye contact with him and recording with the other cast members of the show. SpongeBob is one of the few shows that still records ensemble. The way we record is as an ensemble radio show. If everybody is in the scene, those actors are in the booth. I can't picture doing it the way that so many shows — and definitely most animated features — do it, which is an actor by themselves, and then they Frankenstein together a whole bunch of performances by people who have never been in the same room or even met each other. It works, obviously. But I'm always



Tom Kenny is the voice of SpongeBob SquarePants. PARAMOUNT PICTURES

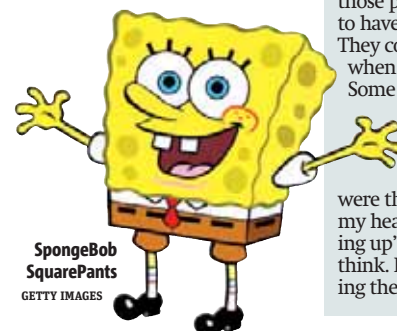
hearing people saying, "This person co-starred with me and I still haven't met them! We were in *Finding Nemo* together!" With SpongeBob it's an ensemble, the way that

Rocky and Bullwinkle was, the way Looney Tunes was. I think it just brings a bit more soul to the whole process.

It's kind of amazing the

show hasn't changed much over such a long period on air.

The characters are the same as they ever were, which I think is what people like about animation. Bugs Bunny is always Bugs Bunny, Bart Simpson is always Bart Simpson and SpongeBob and Patrick are always SpongeBob and Patrick ... The unchanging-ness of those personas is what gives animation this comfort-food aspect that people love. It's like a comfortable beat-up slipper you can't wait to put on after work because your feet are killing you.



SpongeBob SquarePants
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SpongeBob fans

Soaking up the accolades

What kind of feedback have you received from people who've watched it since they were kids and are now young adults?

It's great to be a part of something that takes hold like that in people's lives. It's been 15 years that SpongeBob has been on the air. So if a kid was nine then, he's 24 now. Some of those people are starting to have kids of their own. They come to meet you when you do appearances. Some people want to hug you and say, "Thank you for being the soundtrack to my childhood," or "You were the voice I heard in my head when I was growing up" — in a good way, I think. It's not like I was telling them to kill their dog.

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Film looks at Mexican drug war through eyes of Texans

Documentary. Ross brothers spent months in a small town on the Rio Grande to shoot latest movie, *Western*

Documentary directors and brothers Bill and Turner Ross have made a career out of examining microcosms in the modern American landscape — from their first film, 45365, about their middle-class hometown of Sidney, Ohio, to Tchoupitoulas, which follows three young brothers wandering around New Orleans at night.

Their latest film, *Western*, takes them to a foreign territory: the Mexican border.

The film, which picked up a special jury award for verité filmmaking at this year's Sundance Film Festival, transports the audience to the once harmonious, now violence-plagued border towns of Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico.

"The Rio Grande is a natural boundary in visualizing the frontier," explained Turner. "If you're talking about something as visual as a film and using landscapes, I think the most iconic way to do that is to see two cities on either side of the river."

This new frontier is shown through the eyes of real-life cattleman Martin (pronounced Marteen) Wall and Eagle Pass's longtime mayor Chad Foster, both of whom have had their livelihoods challenged by the increasingly imminent threat of drug cartel violence.

But it's not a political movie. *Western* is atmospheric, inventive and immersive.

The Ross brothers say their father, a high-school history teacher, taught them that history is not just "facts and texts."

"Those people are real and they fell in and out of love and they had dreams. He instilled in us an appreciation of the moment you're in. We've always tried to capture

the fleeting moment," said Bill.

Inspired by the likes of *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, *The Ox-Bow Incident* and "a lot of the psychedelic Westerns of the '70s," the brothers set up residency in Eagle Pass for 13 months, entrenching themselves in the lives of the townspeople.

While shooting, Wall even took Turner shopping for

more appropriate frontier clothes.

"A couple of times, it just got too real and it wasn't worth it. We like making movies, we like going on adventures, but if someone gets lost, it ain't worth it," said Bill.

"We had to make sure we were with the right people, shaking the right hands. As Bill said, we weren't trying to

get killed," added Turner.

Ultimately, though, the brothers are just interested in people, and "sitting on a porch with somebody all day and trying to get a better grasp of what they're doing," said Bill.

"It's our life as well, and, in the end, there's a document to share," said Turner.

"(Westerns) represent the times that they're from.

That's why we engage in that genre. That's why we call the film that. How does this medium, that is at once so familiar in everyone's personal mythology, also reflect the times that it's a part of?" said Turner.

Up next? *The Northeast*. "That one's more about the people than the place, though," said Bill.

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Documentary directors Turner Ross, left, and Bill Ross focus on a small Texas border town and its battles against Mexican drug cartels. CONTRIBUTED

Ross brothers filmography

- **45365 (2009).** A documentary exploring the brothers' hometown of Sidney, Ohio.
- **Dinosaur Curtains (2010).** Short film on a family awaiting their turn on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*.
- **Tchoupitoulas (2012).** A documentary that follows three brothers through late-night New Orleans.
- **River (2014).** The Ross brothers travel in a houseboat down the Mississippi from Ohio to New Orleans.



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Lego Movie songwriter is sorry for the earworm

Awards season. Jaunty tune called Everything is Awesome has gotten a bit too ubiquitous for musician's relatives

Canadian-reared songwriter Joshua Bartholomew and his wife Lisa Rae Harriton co-wrote the earworm Everything is Awesome from The Lego Movie — and he's very sorry.

"I've apologized to so many people," Bartholomew said in a recent telephone interview. "I live in L.A. now but most of my family is back in Canada, and many of them are educators, teachers."

"I got so many emails and texts saying: 'What have you done?' All their students were singing it."

Bartholomew and Harriton, who together go by Jo Li, were invited aboard the Lego project by the movie's studio after Shawn Patterson crafted the song's first draft.

Now, the jaunty tune is in the running at Sunday's 57th



A still from the Lego Movie CONTRIBUTED

Grammy Awards (for best song written for visual media) and at the Oscars on Feb. 22 (for best original song), although Patterson is the only contributor named on the Oscar nod.

The pair reworked a "couple things" from Patterson's version, changed lyrics

and, most drastically, altered the production in their own take, which they sang together. That recording of the song appears in the film, while a version by Calgary's Tegan and Sara was released as a single.

Bartholomew, 30, says producers requested a tune that served a dual purpose.

"First they wanted it to be a song that was this oppressive, Orwellian, catchy sort of song that brainwashed everybody in the Lego community to follow their rules," he explained. "But it had to turn around at the end of the movie and become their anthem of freedom."



Songwriter Joshua Bartholomew CONTRIBUTED

Bartholomew has written songs for Emerson Drive (Let Your Love Speak) and Esthero (Over) while releasing music under his own name as well. He says he's in the process of getting a band off the ground with Nick Perri, brother of Jar of Hearts singer Christina Perri.

But this is certainly a game-changing hit for the cheerful Bartholomew, who is now settled down south.

His dad was in the military, and Bartholomew grew up on the move, spending most of his life in Alliston, Ont. His musical parents surrounded him with instruments and he learned drums, piano, guitar and bass before his adolescence was through.

"You have a lot of time in Canada in the winter," he chuckled. "It gets cold. You hole up inside and figure out how to get stuff done."

In January 2011, Bartholomew wandered down to L.A., intending to meet with publishers for a few weeks. He didn't leave. He lived in a trailer and built the social circle that eventually helped him and his wife land the blockbuster Lego gig.

"Now my wife and I have a house. I sold the trailer," he said. "I do miss it though. I grew up in Canada, camping in the summer for the whole summer by the lake. I'm definitely a nomad by nature."

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Film fest. Binoche stars as Arctic explorer's wife



From left, Japanese actress Rinko Kikuchi, Spanish director Isobel Coixet, French actress Juliette Binoche and Irish actor Gabriel Byrne at the photo call for the film Nobody Wants The Night during the 2015 Berlin International Film Festival on Thursday. JOEL RYAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Berlin International Film Festival is getting underway with the first of 19 contenders for the event's top Golden Bear honour — a movie starring Juliette Binoche as the wife of an Arctic explorer.

Nobody Wants the Night, directed by Isabel Coixet and starring Binoche as Josephine Peary, premieres Thursday, kicking off a typically varied competition at the year's first major European film festival.

Rivals include Terrence Mallick's new Knight of Cups, Werner Herzog's Queen of the Desert, and films from Vietnam, Guatemala and Romania.

This year's seven-member festival jury is headed by American director Darren Aronofsky. Winners of the Golden Bear are notoriously hard to predict; last year, the honour went to Chinese director Diao Yinan's Black Coal, Thin Ice.

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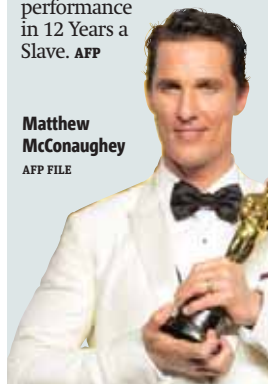
Academy Awards

Blanchett, Leto, McConaughey to present at Oscars

On Feb. 22, Cate Blanchett, Jared Leto, Matthew McConaughey and Lupita Nyong'o will return to the stage at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood to present awards to their successors.

In 2014, Blanchett took home a statuette for her performance in Woody Allen's Blue Jasmine. Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto, meanwhile, claimed the awards for best actor and best supporting actor, respectively, for their roles in Dallas Buyers Club. Lupita Nyong'o won the award for best supporting actress through her performance in 12 Years a Slave. AFP

Matthew McConaughey
AFP FILE





Sia and NYC Gay Men's Chorus backstage during Trailblazers. GETTY IMAGES

Now we'll Sia. Singer turns heads with hits

The Grammys. Showing her face or not, reclusive songwriter Sia earns recognition as pop star

Think it's tough to catch a glimpse of Sia's face during her performances these days? Try booking an interview with the reclusive singer.

The performer, who has risen in the pop music ranks thanks to writing hits for female stars and hitting the charts with her own tunes, has dodged press and even turns her head during live performances. The creative campaign for her latest album, 1000 Forms of Fear, was a success thanks to radio airplay and its highly viewed music videos starring Maddie Ziegler of Dance Moms. Sia's album debuted at No. 1 and Chandelier became a multi-platinum international success.

She even earned four Grammy nominations — though she's not sure she'll attend the big show on Sunday.

"I know, it's getting a little close," longtime manager David Russell said in an interview last week (Sia, obviously, wouldn't be interviewed for this story). "It remains to be seen what we'll do."

Sia and Chandelier earned nominations in the top categories, including song and record of the year.

Russell, who has worked with Sia for more than a decade, said they didn't see the commercial success coming.

"We didn't anticipate that



Pop singer Sia. GETTY IMAGES

kind of reaction, but that fact that that's come has been extraordinary," he said.

Last year marked a breakthrough for 39-year-old Sia, who released her first album in 1997. After writing for a slew of singers, from Rihanna (Diamonds) to Beyoncé (Pretty Hurts), she finally saw her own Top 40 success with Chandelier, a song she originally thought she might send to Rihanna. The writing success came around the time Sia co-starred on David Guetta's Titanium, a song the mega-producer had to convince her to do.

Russell says Alicia Keys was originally considered for Titanium, and even Mary J. Blige cut the track.

"It simply came down to David begging that Sia stay on the record, and wisely she agreed," Russell said. "I mean, it literally happened like two days after she was like, 'That's it. I'm done making my own records. I'm just going to be

Battling addiction

Manager David Russell said people should pay attention to his client, "a woman who is 39 years old and isn't trading on sex or accessibility."

- He also adds that Sia's grown over the years, especially watching her get sober.
- "Getting to a place of recognizing you have an addiction issue and then taking the strides, the major strides it takes to combat that issue, I can't think of anything more important than she's achieved than finding that spiritual centre and finding sobriety," he said.

a behind-the-scenes writer now."

Russell says at the time, Sia was becoming famous and it began to make her "feel really uncomfortable" and "really unhappy, so she wanted to put the brakes on that."

But Titanium became a seminal moment for Sia, which was followed by another Top 10 hit, Flo Rida's Wild Ones, which she also sang on and co-wrote.

Sia also has written for Katy Perry, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Kylie Minogue.

Sia's other Grammy nominations include best pop solo performance and music video for Chandelier.

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When you get music's biggest names — and egos — all in one room, you can expect drama to ensue. From frenemies, to relationship drama, and trash talk about who really deserves to win, the 57th Grammy Awards are shaping up to be the most controversial yet. Here's what to keep an eye out for

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Everyone has an opinion about Iggy Azalea

As soon as it was announced that Iggy Azalea was nominated for Best Rap Album (up against Childish Gambino, Common, Schoolboy Q, Wiz Khalifa and Eminem), musicians didn't hold back declaring how they felt, especially those who feel she is appropriating black culture, including Q-Tip and Solange Knowles. Most publicly, Azealia Banks slammed her in an interview with Hot 97 saying, "The Grammys are supposed to be awards for artistic excellence. Iggy Azalea is not excellent." Azalea also has a public feud going on with Eminem, also nominated, after he alluded to rape while mentioning her in his song Vegas. Given all the drama, Best Rap Album is the award on everyone's mind.

Iggy Azalea GETTY IMAGES

Will Selena Gomez show up with Zedd?

Between their flirty Instagrams and constant sightings together, the rumour mill is abuzz that Zedd has replaced Justin Bieber as the leading man in Gomez's life. But seeing as though they haven't made things "official" yet, the red carpet watch is in full effect. Will they use this moment as their chance to confirm the relationship. You watching, Biebs?



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Sam Smith rumoured by some to beat out Beyoncé

Nominees for the night's biggest award, Album of the Year, include Beck, Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith and Pharrell Williams. While Beyoncé has become the most nominated female artist in Grammy history with 46 nominations in all (including 17 wins), insiders predict that Sam Smith will overtake the queen. It's a new artist versus a proven pro and the competition is fierce.

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The Bad Blood between Taylor Swift and Katy Perry continues

Swift and Perry still haven't buried the hatchet for their public frenemy drama, and given that both singers are nominated, they'll both to be there, with their game faces on. How far away will they be sitting from each other? Will they run into each other on the red carpet or at any after parties? Will they shock everyone by posing for a photo together? One thing is sure, we'll all be watching.

Will Ariana Grande show up Madonna?

Madonna may be 56 years old, but she's not slowing down any time soon. Her 13th album *Rebel Heart* is out later this year and she's performing for the fifth time at the Grammys. But does she still have what it takes to compete with chart-topping teen favourites, like Ariana Grande? Grande has publicly declared her love for Madonna, but she could outshine her idol with her own performance. Tune in to see which pop star has the best performance.



Ariana Grande
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Wishful winners vs. likely winners

The Grammy Awards go live Sunday and you've forgotten who was nominated, haven't you? It's all right. Here are the nominations for the main awards. The ones we think will win are in green, and the ones we hope will win are in purple.

Record of the Year

- **Fancy** — Iggy Azalea featuring Charli XCX
- **Chandelier** — Sia
- Stay with Me (Darkchild Version) — Sam Smith
- Shake It Off — Taylor Swift
- All About That Bass — Meghan Trainor

Album of the Year

- Morning Phase — Beck
- **Beyoncé** — Beyoncé
- x — Ed Sheeran
- In the Lonely Hour — Sam Smith
- G I R L — Pharrell Williams

Song of the Year

- **All About That Bass**
- Chandelier
- Shake It Off
- Stay with Me (Darkchild Version)
- **Take Me to Church**

Best New Artist

- **Iggy Azalea**
- Bastille
- Brandy Clark
- HAIM
- **Sam Smith**

Best Pop Solo Performance

- All of Me (Live) — John Legend
- **Chandelier** — Sia
- Stay With Me (Darkchild Version) — Sam Smith
- **Shake It Off** — Taylor Swift
- Happy (Live) — Pharrell Williams

Best Pop Duo/Group Performance

- Fancy — Iggy Azalea feat. Charli XCX
- A Sky Full of Stars — Cold-

play

- Say Something — A Great Big World and Christina Aguilera
- **Bang Bang** — Jessie J, Ariana Grande, & Nicki Minaj
- Dark Horse — Katy Perry feat. Juicy J

Best Pop Vocal Album

- Ghost Stories — Coldplay
- Bangerz — Miley Cyrus
- My Everything — Ariana Grande
- Prism — Katy Perry
- x — Ed Sheeran
- **In the Lonely Hour** — Sam Smith

Best Rap Album

- **The New Classic** — Iggy Azalea
- **Because the Internet** — Childish Gambino
- Nobody's Smiling — Common
- The Marshall Mathers LP 2 — Eminem
- Oxymoron — Schoolboy Q
- Blacc Hollywood — Wiz Khalifa

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Finding success with a television romance

Plot. The Mindy Project doesn't take hackneyed will-they-won't-they approach to relationships

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The Mindy Project is attempting something bold for a sitcom: The main couple got together, and stayed together. Many shows take the Ross and Rachel route, and try will-they-won't-they couples before breaking them up (see: New Girl), but so far, Mindy and beau Danny have been working out their differences.

"Mindy's a very wild character and she has very strong opinions, but they both just kind of want to make it work," says show creator and star Mindy Kaling.

"Relationships work because people want to make it work even if they're difficult people. It also just makes them really entertaining."

The duo has faced such challenges as Danny's intensely close relationship with his mother and Mindy getting a little ahead of herself in terms of where their relationship is, but they're now facing their biggest challenge yet. Mindy accepted a fellowship on the West Coast, and they're now making it work long distance.

Asked if the show's writers intentionally decided to focus on Mindy's career now that her love life is relatively stable, Kaling jokes, "Thank you for giving us the credit to know that we've that planned out," then adds, "We just think, 'What's exciting to us?' Mindy had started taking interns under her wing, and I really liked that dynamic. I like when Mindy is bossy, but it's because she's competent, not because she's just being bossy."

Kaling took a little inspiration from her last job when planning out the Stanford arc. "We had an arc in The Office called the Michael Scott Paper Company that was one of my favourite arcs. You don't always see professional ambition in TV characters, so that was really fun to do."



Mindy Kaling CONTRIBUTED

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"Mindy's a very wild character and she has very strong opinions, but they both just kind of want to make it work."

Mindy Kaling, on her character's onscreen romance with beau Danny

Part of the fun of writing the relationship between Mindy and Danny has been letting co-star Chris Messina shine. "I feel like Chris used to be a straight man for my character in like the first four episodes. More and more, my favourite scenes are the ones where Mindy is like, 'Hey man, are you OK?' Where Mindy's the straight man," says Kaling.

"Chris is so talented. I love that in one episode he can be a complete heart-throb but then also a walking physical comedy set piece. It's awesome."

Kaling points out that part of the characters' commitment to staying together has to do with their age — people in their 30s are a little less likely to break up over frivolous reasons. "The long distance puts a strain on (the relationship), but also it brings out some really interesting

and loving sides to them, which has been fun to play."

The show has had some changes in the makeup of the cast, but one recent one has Kaling feeling especially sad: the imminent departure of Adam Pally. Don't expect anyone to jump back in to take his place right away, though.

"We can't really replace Pally. He's so funny and he's so woven into the fabric of the show. Mindy and him are such close friends that we definitely wouldn't want to replace anyone with his energy, which is so rare. It's kind of like incredibly sweet frat boy a—."

Kaling does promise that the office won't just pretend he never worked there, though. "We have a whole thing about replacing the doctor — the hole that he left — so that's going to be a nice arc."

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Reunited cast of Bell have a blast at Bayside with Fallon

For his run of shows out of Los Angeles, Jimmy Fallon has promised a lot of special treats on *The Tonight Show*, and last night he certainly delivered.

Fallon pulled off a near-complete *Saved by the Bell* reunion with a skit chronicling his last day as a student at the fabled '90s high school before running off to New York to become a comedian.

For the bit, Fallon roped in Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Elizabeth Berkley, Mario Lopez, Dennis Haskins (that's Mr. Belding to you) and — most impressively — Tiffani Thiessen and got them into pretty perfect approximations of their old wardrobes — giant mobile phone and all.

Fallon had tried for several years during his *Late Night* run to get the various cast members together for a reunion, but Thiessen always proved elusive, even prompting her to make a *Funny or Die*



Jimmy Fallon

video explaining why she was too busy. But I guess her schedule freed up.

But where were Lark Voorhies and recently arrested Dustin Diamond? No one seemed to mention their absence. Funny that.

Aniston and Theroux hung up on the prenup?



Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston

Now solidly in their third year of being engaged, Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux are still apparently having trouble working out the finer details of their prenuptial agreement, according to *Us Weekly* — or at least one detail of it.

The sticking point? Whether Theroux should be entitled to any of Aniston's earnings from Netflix for the recent *Friends* deal. "The prenup is pretty much done," a source says. "Jen won't see money from Netflix for about a year, so there has been back and forth about whether her earnings will be considered from during or before their marriage."

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Johnny Depp and Amber Heard. |GETTY IMAGES

You Heard it here first: Amber and Johnny already hitched

If you were still shopping for a present for Johnny Depp and Amber Heard ahead of their rumoured wedding this weekend, you're too late.

The happy couple — who announced their engagement

in December 2012 — reportedly tied the knot at their home in Los Angeles on Tuesday, *People* magazine reports.

Depp and Heard are still expected to hold their intimate-yet-lavish wedding

on his private island in the Bahamas this weekend for 50 or so of their closest friends, but they went ahead and got the legal part out of the way already. "He's completely in love and can't wait," a source tells *E!* News. Clearly.



Justin Bieber masters the art of the understatement

This 'Justin Bieber, totally humble dude' campaign is apparently just getting warmed up, as the supposedly reformed pipsqueak followed up his visit to *Ellen* and subsequent soul-searching Facebook apology video with yet another stop on *Ellen DeGeneres'* couch this week.

"It was the first time I was on television for a long time, and I just was worried about what people were thinking about me. Like I said last time, I did a lot of things over the past few years that I'm not proud of," Bieber

says, bringing the idea of stating the obvious to whole new levels.

Also, maybe we shouldn't be making fun so much, because it hurts his feelings: "With their comments and stuff, (people) think it doesn't get to me. But it gets to me," he says. "Things that people say bother me and I gotta be strong enough to just keep it pushing. That's why I just wanted to make a video to just let people know that I'm human. I love people. I love love."

Apparently, though, Bieber hasn't yet learned the rule about not mixing plaids with animal prints — or just not wearing leopard-print sneakers at all. Sorry, can't help myself.

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3. Place dough in clean and lightly oiled bowl. Cover bowl with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm and humid place for about 1 hour or until the dough doubles in size.

Pizza Toppings

1. With rack in lowest position, place pizza stone or an upside-down baking sheet in the oven. Preheat the oven to 450 F (230 C).

2. In bowl, combine endives, onion, sausage and oil. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Cut dough into four pieces. On floured work surface, roll out four 10-inch (25 cm) round

Ingredients

Pizza Dough

- 1 cup (250 ml) warm water
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 3/4 cups (385 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp instant dry yeast (quick-rising)
- 1/2 tsp salt

Pizza Toppings

- 4 medium-sized endives, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup (150 g) Rosette de Lyon sausage, cut into 1/4-inch (1/2 cm) dice
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- 2 cups (200 g) grated Gruyère cheese
- 2 ripe but firm peaches, sliced
- Salt and pepper

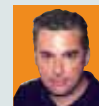
crusts. Sprinkle a little cornmeal on hot stone or baking sheet. Use sheet of parchment paper that will allow you to easily slide the dough in the oven.

4. Spread quarter of endive mixture on each crust and sprinkle with quarter of cheese. Bake on hot stone or baking sheet for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Repeat with the remaining crusts.

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The infinite variety of toppings to choose from makes pizza one of the most versatile wine-pairing opportunities.

I gravitate towards a meatier pie and a glass of red Italian Chianti, but this week's recipe from Chef Ricardo really thinks outside the pizza box. It's not the combination of sausage and endive that's unique. It's the addition of peaches that really makes for an interesting slice.

Both endive and peaches prefer a white wine with a touch of sweetness, and the Viognier and Chenin Blanc grapes provide enough sugary goodness while still finishing fairly dry.

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India meets Italy in pizza

1. In a large skillet, brown the chicken in the oil and butter. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a plate.

2. In the same skillet, soften the peppers, onions and garlic for about 5 minutes. Add butter, if needed. Season with salt and pepper. Add the tomatoes

and spices and cook for 2 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat. Return the chicken to the skillet. Add the hummus and yogurt and stir to combine. Adjust the seasoning.

3. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven's broiler.

4. Place the naan bread on two baking sheets. Place the chicken mixture on the bread and sprinkle with the cheese.

5. Bake for about 5 minutes or until the cheese is golden brown. **RICARDO**

Ingredients

- 2 skinless and boneless chicken breast halves, cut into strips
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil
- 1 tbsp (14 g) butter
- Salt and pepper
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded and cut into strips
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and

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- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
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Ovechkin tallies game-winner

Alex Ovechkin scored the game-winner Thursday night as the Washington Capitals defeated the Ottawa Senators 2-1.

Evgeny Kuznetsov also scored for the Capitals as Braden Holtby picked up his 25th win of the season by stopping 25 shots.

Kyle Turris scored the lone Ottawa goal as Robin Lehner made 27 saves. The Senators have lost three of their last five (2-3-0).

Thursday's game was a milestone for Ottawa defenceman Chris Phillips, who set the franchise record by playing in his 1,179th game to surpass Daniel Alfredsson. Alfredsson and former teammate Wade Redden were on hand for the occasion.

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Ducks 5, Predators 2

Anaheim wins battle of league's top two teams

Jakob Silfverberg scored two goals, and the Anaheim Ducks took the top of the NHL standings for themselves by beating the Nashville Predators 5-2 Thursday night.

Anaheim and Nashville came in tied atop both the NHL and the Western Conference with 72 points, though the Predators have a game in hand. The teams also have the league's winningest goalies with Pekka Rinne back in net for Nashville after he missed three weeks with an injured knee. Frederik Andersen made 44 saves in tying Rinne with his 29th win.

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Russell laying body on line for Flames

NHL. Defenceman leads the league in blocked shots with 164

Among the reasons for the Calgary Flames' resurgence this season is the players' willingness to put their bodies in front of flying pucks.

Led by defenceman Kris Russell, the Flames top the NHL in blocked shots this season with 957, ahead of Buffalo's 950.

Calgary boasts four defencemen in the top 15, which is more players than any other team.

Russell, from Caroline, Alta., is far and away the league leader with 164 in 50 games as of Thursday. He's on pace for a career-high season.

Buffalo's Josh Gorges was second with 139, while Russell's teammates Dennis Wideman (120), captain Mark Giordano (111) and T.J. Brodie (110) ranked sixth, 11th and 13th, respectively.

"When you're playing, you don't count how many you block," Russell said. "It's something we have to do and keep doing to get wins. I think that's why we've been successful defensively is we have guys willing to do that."

Calgary's average of 27.7 shots against per game ranked seventh in the league Thursday.

The Flames (29-20-3) take a three-game winning streak into Friday's home game against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Russell scored his first



Flames defenceman Kris Russell lies on the ice to help goalie Jonas Hiller keep the puck out of the net against the Jets at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Monday night. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"He's a great skater, can move the pucks defensively, reads plays well and sacrifices his body even though he's a small defenceman. He plays way bigger than his size."

Flames head coach Bob Hartley on Kris Russell

goal of the season Wednesday in a 3-1 win over San Jose and blocked three shots. The five-foot-10, 173-pound blue-liner posted a season-high nine blocked shots in Monday's 5-2 win over Winnipeg.

"Some games it feels like

you're always out of position and you can't seem to find that lane," Russell said. "I felt I was in good position and got my stick on a few pucks as well."

The willingness and ability of Calgary forwards and

defencemen to limit shots on net took a significant step forward under head coach Bob Hartley.

The Flames ranked second to Montreal last season and fourth in the lockout-shortened season of 2012-13. The latter was Hartley's first behind Calgary's bench.

Russell finished third in the NHL in blocked shots last season with 201 behind Philadelphia's Andrew MacDonald (242) and then-Flames teammate Chris Butler (211).

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On-ice tracking close to reality

NHL. Chips in jerseys, pucks being tested to record every move in hockey starting as early as next season

Imagine tracking Sidney Crosby's every move on the ice — in real time.

It may not be far off.

The NHL is experimenting with player tracking technology that could be available as early as next season for broadcasters and fans.

During last month's all-star game in Columbus, Ohio, chips were put in jerseys and pucks to track everything from speed and movement to shift length and ice time. The success of this first experiment could make it more widespread.

"We're not exactly sure where this will all take us," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said last week in Vancouver, B.C. "Ultimately, we are hoping to deliver the kind of data that will create insights and tell stories that avid and casual hockey fans will enjoy.



In January's all-star game the all-tracking technology was put to the test and considered a success. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says he's "not exactly sure where this will all take." COURTESY NHL/NBC SPORTS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We are attempting to embark upon a journey that hopefully will enable us to create and then maintain a digital record of everything in our game and compile a

complete digital history."

Sportvision, the same company responsible for first-and-10 lines in football and "K zone" strike-zone mapping in baseball, has

worked with the NHL for six years to get to this point. In co-operation with the NHL Players' Association, each player had a chip in the collar of his jersey during all-

star weekend. Chips were in each puck so infrared cameras in the ceiling of Nationwide Arena could track every movement.

With this technology,

teams, players and fans can see how fast a player is skating, his top speed and average.

The league and NHLPA must come to an agreement before there's even a consideration about having player tracking in place for real games. It's much more data, and with that comes some hesitancy on behalf of some players.

"We haven't finished discussing all that with the players," NHLPA executive director Don Fehr said.

"Are there issues some players are concerned about? Sure. But it falls into the generalized category of creating meaningless statistics."

Sportvision CEO Hank Adams thinks there's a use for the stats. TV networks can determine speed and movement in real-time, with lots of information to mine.

"I'd say all around it was a success for us," Adams told The Canadian Press. "We were very pleased and at some point hopefully it translates into something more long-term. But that's yet to be seen."

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Maple Leafs

Phaneuf's injury not helping Leafs

Since a hand injury forced Dion Phaneuf out of the line-

up, the Toronto Maple Leafs' winless streak has snowballed to 10 in a row.

They'll try again to end that skid Friday night at the New Jersey Devils without

Phaneuf, who will miss his fifth game with a hand injury.

"It's extremely disappointing," Phaneuf said after practice Thursday.

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Trade rumours grow as Kane misses practice

Evander Kane is back in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons.

Kane was missing from Winnipeg's practice Thursday two days after he was a healthy scratch for Winnipeg's 3-2 overtime loss in Vancouver. Head coach Paul Maurice said Kane was seeing team doctors for an undisclosed ailment that has been bugging him all season.

The Jets placed Kane on the injured reserve list retroactive to Monday, meaning he'll miss at least Friday's game against the Chicago Blackhawks and Sunday's against the Colorado Avalanche. Kane, whose injury is undisclosed, would be eligible to return for Tuesday's game against the Minnesota Wild.

But speculation about Kane's long-term future with the club remains and has intensified since he didn't dress for Tuesday's game in his hometown. In his post-game news conference Tuesday, Maurice said it was a "coach's



Evander Kane
GETTY IMAGES

decision" and wouldn't elaborate.

He didn't shed anymore light on Thursday despite a Winnipeg Free Press report that Kane was benched because he broke the team's dress code by wearing a track suit instead of a suit to a team meeting.

"I know that when I come out and say coach's decision

that I open all of us up to a tremendous amount of speculation, and I can live with that," Maurice said.

A source confirmed Thursday evening that Kane had a run-in with teammates the day of the Vancouver game that included Dustin Byfuglien throwing Kane's track suit into the shower. The source said Kane was not on the team bus to the arena for the game.

According to reports, team officials could not reach Kane until an hour before game time, when he said he would not be playing.

Kane's agent, Craig Oster, said his camp would comment on the situation Friday.

Distractions aren't something the once-surging Jets need right now as they fight for a playoff spot. They currently hold the first wild-card spot in the Western Conference, two points up on the Canucks. Vancouver, however, has played four less games.

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Blue Jays optimistic but still not satisfied

MLB. Despite significant roster turnover, numerous questions surround Toronto

The bullpen, second base and Aaron Sanchez's role remain question marks for the Toronto Blue Jays heading into spring training.

The Jays finished third in the American League East with a disappointing 83-79 record after a roller-coaster 2014 season. There has been significant roster turnover since.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos and manager John Gibbons met the media Thursday before joining president and CEO Paul Beeston in comfy chairs atop the Blue Jays dugout at the Rogers Centre. There they answered fan questions for the Jays' annual state-of-the-franchise gathering.

Behind them, a pristine new artificial surface covered



Blue Jays president Paul Beeston takes questions from fans on Thursday in Toronto. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

the field. The team hopes to replace it with natural grass in 2018.

Beeston, the franchise's first hire, who is entering his final season at the Jays helm, drew a standing ovation from the fans.

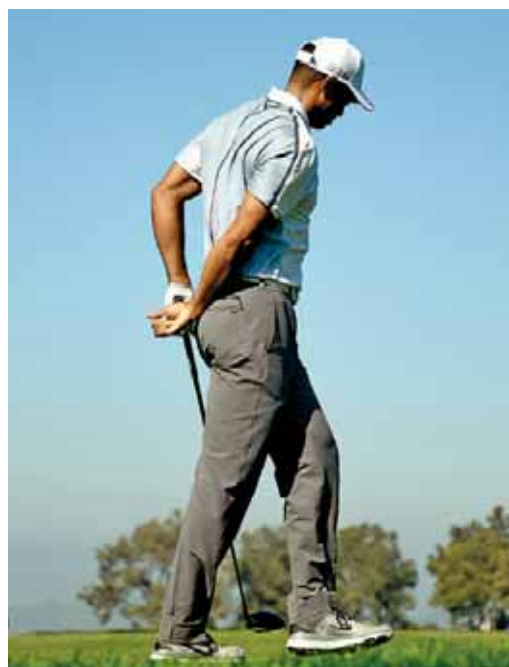
Season-ticket holders downed free food and drinks before watching a promotional video to the sound of Come With Me Now by Kongos.

"A World Series championship is our only goal. In 2014 we fell short," the video stated.

Beeston promised the fans that his hope was to exit after a playoff run. But there's some work to do first.

"As strong as we are and as good as we feel about this team, there's some questions that need to be answered in spring training," said Gibbons.

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Tiger leaves event in pain

In an ominous start to his season, Tiger Woods walked off the course after 11 holes Thursday at the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego because of tightness in his lower back, a situation he attributed to a fog delay. It was his third straight PGA Tour event that he missed the cut for or withdrew from and the sixth time since 2010 that he withdrew because of injury. DONALD MIRALLES/GETTY IMAGES

Alpine skiing

Ottawa's Cook wins surprise silver

Dustin Cook put Canada back on the podium at the world alpine ski championship with a silver medal in Thursday's super-G.

The 25-year-old from Ottawa put down a fast run with a late start number to finish second behind Austrian Hannes Reichelt. Adrien Theaux of France was third.

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NBA

Vaughn gone as coach in Orlando

The Orlando Magic fired Jacques Vaughn as coach Thursday after 2-1/2 seasons, ending the tenure of the head coach brought in to rebuild the franchise.

General manager Rob Hennigan announced the move, following a 15-37 start to the season and after a series of lopsided losses during a 10-game losing streak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton



Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't worry about how much something of a creative nature is going to cost you. If your plan is a good one – and it is – then the cosmic powers that be will help you. Take that risk.



Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It might not be a good idea to speak from the heart over the next 24 hours, not with some of the negative opinions you have about certain people. A day or two from now your attitude will be a lot more positive.



Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your confidence may take a dive today but it's no big deal. As a Gemini you are rarely down for long and come the weekend you will be full of life and laughter again.



Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Under no circumstances commit yourself to anything of a business or financial nature today. If others try to pressure you into signing on the dotted line that is a sure sign you should wait. There's no rush.



Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Be careful how you talk to and deal with loved ones and family members today. You may not mean to give offence but something you say or do could be taken the wrong way and cause all sorts of problems.



Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You may not be able to get into the swing of things socially today but that's OK. Send time with your thoughts and once you have made sense of them you will be the life of the party.



Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Your principles may cost you money today but you are not the sort to abandon your standards for financial reward. You are also not the sort to admit you got it wrong once you adopt a certain position!



Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone in a position of power will put you to the test today and you must raise your game and show them what you can do. There is little doubt you will win in the end.



Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you allow fear to guide your thoughts and actions you will miss out on something that could make your life so much more enjoyable. Why should you be afraid of something just because it's new?



Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you go to extremes over the next 24 hours you are sure to provoke a strong reaction. Is that wise? Try to find a more socially acceptable outlet for your ambition and aggression.



Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may find it hard to get along with people in positions of authority today but if you take them on you are likely to lose. There are times when it is better to back down gracefully and this is one of them.



Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may feel run down today but don't worry because things are not as bad as they seem. What little things can you do to make yourself feel comfortable?

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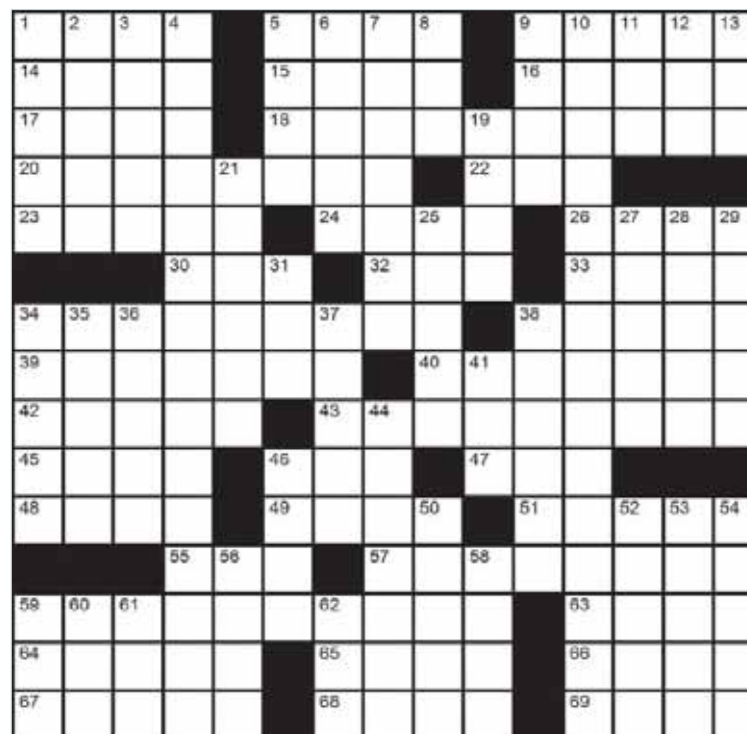
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Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "Do the Right Thing" (1989) pizzeria
5. "Break ____ Me Gently"
9. Home
14. Tom Jones' "____ Should Ever Leave You"
15. Tarps-laying reason
16. Cried, kitten-style
17. Biblical land
18. Le Chateau ____ (Rustic resort hotel in Quebec)
20. Morden, MB: Marine reptile like 'Bruce' at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, the largest one on display in the world
22. Waste
23. Cache
24. Hawaiian coffee
26. Suggest
30. Tic-Toe link
32. Black Sabbath singer ...his initials-sharers
33. Hodgepodge
34. Way up Whistler
38. Burst with pride
39. Captured again
40. Vancouver attraction, ____ Conservatory
42. Tales
43. Eminence
45. Flooding oper.
46. Ms. Larter
47. Liq. measures
48. Exchange [abbr.]
49. Socialite sorts, shortly



51. Arise
55. Peculiar
57. Ancient Roman racers
59. 1909: J.A.D. McCurdy makes history by piloting this aircraft in Canada's first powered flight: 2 wds.

63. Mark Harmon's show
64. Donald Duck nephew
65. "By the Time ____ to Phoenix"
66. Backsplash square
67. Anxiety
68. Damp
69. Backyard blades

Down

1. Scott ____ (MP from Newfoundland)
2. "The game is ____" - Sherlock Holmes
3. Tibet's capital
4. Canadian host (who played in the CFL) of HGTV's "Tackle My Reno": 2 wds.
5. "____ la Douce" (1963)
6. Shish ____ (Dish popular in Montreal)
7. It was hot with a cat on top: 2 wds.
8. London's prov.
9. Podium
10. Ludwig's 1824

- symphony: 2 wds.
11. Hoo-er
12. Benicio Toro link
13. Tokyo, once
19. Times
21. San Jose hockey players
25. We Will ____ Undersold! (Store's boast)
27. L' ____ Montreal
28. Frasier's brother
29. Driving costs
31. Toronto-born actor Mr. Bennett
34. Actor Jon
35. Lift with might
36. Fall into ____ (Get played)
37. Fireplace
38. "Welcome Back, ____"
41. Race unit
44. Person's inners shield
46. Mailing info, briefly
50. The Taming of the ____
52. ____-economic status
53. Handy
54. Spelled-out followers of Rs
56. Bug repellent ingredient
58. Li'l lawyer
59. Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
60. Euripides play
61. Oaf
62. Performed

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